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Exchange of toasts is cancelled

India snubs the Queen in protocol row

By Christopher Thomas in delhi and Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

scrambled yesterday to play down an apparent snub by the Indian Government when it forced the Queen to cancel, at short notice, a speech at a banquet in Madras.

The Palace insisted that the Queen had not been insulted and blamed a misunderstanding for a "minor mistake" in protocol. But the unprecented oan, during an aiready accident-prone state visit, plunged Anglo-Indian relations to their lowest level for years.

India is already annoyed about Robin Cook's private remarks about Kashmir, the Queen has been accused of making a political speech on the subject, and local press coverage of the royal tour has been hostile. Now the Government is anxious that inflamed feelings in India could damthe Commonwealth summit later this month.

The row yesterday con-cerned remarks the Queen had expected to make in Apriy Governor of Tamil Nadu state at a banquet in Madras.

Indian officials insisted that they had made clear during preparations for the visit that there should be only one speech — during state banquet in Delhi hosted by the President - and that it would be a breach of Indian protocol for

the Queen to speak in Madras. But the British High Com-mission in Delhi said that the Palace had been informed only this week that there would be no exchange of toasts in Madras. There appears to have been a slight misunderstanding. The main speech



The Queen in Delhi: no insult, says Palace

was always going to be at the President's banquet in Deshi. dras, that poses absolutely no problem for us."

Buckingham Palace also issued a statement saying: "We snubbed." The Palace added that state officials in Tamil Nadu had said in July that they would like the Queen to make a speech but the federal Government had said there was no need. "It is a matter for the Indian federal and state officials. There is no question of a snub. The welcome has been warm and friendly." ...

safari before returning to

Ludgrove School in Berkshire

for the second half of the

autumn term on November 3.

· Prince William, IS, is unable

iar to Prince's Trust.

she urged India and Pakistan to settle their differences. Mr Cook, who returned to London yesterday, insisted, however, that relations be-A senior Indian External tween Britain and India were Affairs official, however, instronger than ever. He denied that he had ever suggested publicly that Britain was willing to mediate over Kashmir and emphasised that Inder Kurnar Gujral, the Indian Prime Minister, had denied subsequent reports that he had called Britain a "third-

rate power".
Mr Cook said: "I made no public statement, gave no press conference, gave no interview and no public com-Kashmir. As to the remark of the indian Prime Minister, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs has said that report

The suggestion that British officials failed to inform the

Oueen's hosts of her proposed

remarks until this week is pri-

vately dismissed as ridiculous.

rules of protocol for state

visits: they are conducted ac-

cording to the wishes and

customs of the countries con-

cerned. There is certainly no

global tradition that speeches

should be limited to state

banquets in the capital: the

Queen spoke on several occasions in South Africa and

Germany; President Chirac

and President Mandela spoke

The embarrassment comes

hard on the heels of Indian

annoyance at earlier private

remarks on Kashmir by the

Foreign Secretary in Pakistan.

Indian officials also claimed

that the Queen was interfering

in an internal matter when during a speech in Islamabad.

more than once in Britain.

There are no international

was without foundation. The Indian press has been ends just as the royal tour starts on Tuesday October 28. mostly facetious or hostile in One highlight of the royal programme will be a Spice Girls concert in Johannesburg its coverage of the royal tour. The Duke of Edinburgh's reported assertion that the on November 1 in aid of the number of people killed in the 1919 Amritsar massacre had been exaggerated drew a with-Nations Trust, a charity simi-The young Prince will then ering response. "Prince lights another fire," the front-page headline in The Asian Age accompany his father to the village of Dukuduku, where he will watch traditional singdeclared and its main story ing and dancing.

It was unclear yesterday spoke of the royal couple's perceived arrogance during whether the Prince would visit their visit to the Golden Temhis uncle Earl Spencer, who ple". Their failure to write any lives in Cape Town. A comments in the visitors' book spokeswoman for Lord Spenwas also noted by most Indian cer's office said it was unclear - newspapers.

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Stella McCartney, centre, celebrates with her models at the end of her debut show for Chloe at the Opera Garnier in Paris yesterday

Star-spangled turnout for Stella's show

STYLE EDITOR, IN PARIS

STELLA MCCARTNEY revived the hippy-chic house of Chloé yesterday with her debut show for the French fashion label before a front row whose namecards represented a roll call of

Sixties luminaries. Shielded by a wall of security guards, her parents Sir Paul and Linda McCarmey, followed by Ringo Starr and his wife Barbara Bach made their way to their seats. The photographer David Bailey and his wife Catherine Dyer were already seated to their left. A few places along sat the Nineties' contingent, including Meg Matthews, the high-profile wife of Noel Gallagher

of Oasis, who was joined by Kylie Minogue and the photographer Mario After such a show of celebrity force, it scarcely seemed to matter what the clothes were like. When McCartney's

Jobless total falls

to 17-year low

The Government yesterday hailed an improving labour market after unemployment fell to a 17-year low and

claiming benefit cut the

smaller than expected fall in

the seasonally adjusted total led to suggestions that the economy was slowing Page 25

Woodward shook

baby, mother says

The mother of the baby alleg-

edly shaken to death by Louise

Woodward told a court in Massachusetts of how the

British au pair had rung her

on the day her son was taken to hospital to tell her how the

haby had "choked on vomit"

She also described how

Miss Woodward said that she shook the boy but only after he

had seemed to stop

contracts. One publisher at the

fair noted that if the Elton

John book was bought for

and lost consciousness.



Proud parents: Sir Paul and Linda McCartney said they loved the show

appointment was announced in April, some commentators — including her predecessor Karl Lagerfeld - were sceptical, suggesting that Chloe's president, Mounir Mousarridge, was bank-

ing on the commercial pull of her showbusiness name - and certainly wheeling out two ex-Beatles is publicity stunt that is hard to match. But the 25-year-old designer who

was from London, assets greatly prized by the fashion industry at the moment. And yesterday she appeared to have pulled it off, presenting a fun. quirky mix of haute bohemia, that paid homage to Chloe's heyday in the late Sixties and Seventies with its lingerie tops and laced corsets. The collection went down well with her parents - at one point her father could be seen making enthusiastic

graduated from Central St Martin's

just two years ago, had two other huge

advantages: she was young and she

drumming movements to the music watched by an amused Ringo Starr. Afterwards, they made a rather regal progress backstage protected by the alarming mob of heavies. "I loved it. It was so elegant, so beautiful," Sir Paul said. "I'm so proud," his wife added. "I loved all the blues and pinks. I want to wear the entire collection."

Paris fashion, page 5

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South African visit for Prince Harry

PRINCE HARRY is to accom- Swaziland, the two boys will pany the Prince of Wales on spend a few days on a minihis forthcoming official visit to South Africa, St James's Palace confirmed yesterday. The 13-year-old Prince will attend a fundraising concert

and visit a KwaZulu village to to go because his half term meet children at a local school. holiday from Eton College Prince Harry will have a schoolfriend, police protection officer and Tiggy Legge Bourke, his former namy, as travelling companions.
While Prince Charles visits

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ARTS CORRESPONDENT IN FRANKFURT ELTON JOHN has sparked

off a bidding war among publishers by deciding to reveal all in his memoirs. An advance of between £8 mil-lion and £10 million is rumoured. The musician has At least two major British publishers were last night competing m an auction behind the scenes at the Frankfurt Book Fair, which opened

whether he would be in South

Africa at the time of the visit.

yesterday. Such are the book's bazzar, now into its 49th year, potential sales that millions is on cheques and were being offered for a manuscript that publishers have not even seen. Bidding opened at £4 million just for the world English language rights. "If it's a 'kiss and tell' book, it will be worth it," one publisher said, and we'd certainly buy it sight unseen. always turned down previous The sales potential is abso-offers to write about himself. Intely huge. People who buy only one book in a year will

£10 million, the strength of his name worldwide - particularly after his appearance at the funeral service of Diana, Princess of Wales - would sell ten million books. Publishers must be sure, however, that the words will be coming. There was a hectic bidding The only writing to be crialised.

spotted at the feverish book John has turned down.

Thrust breaks sound barrier - official

By DAVID WATTS

earnings growth remained THRUST'S team made no Noble's jet-powered car mistake last night as they reached 759.333mph - well steady. The 27,800 September fall in the those out of work and made their supersonic land speed record official. jobless total to 1,467,600, 5.2% Royal Air Force pilot Andy of the workforce and the best figures since 1980. But the

Green made two runs across

the Black Rock Desert in Nevada that were faster than Mach I, breaking his record set earlier this month. The record now stands at 762mph. Two days ago the team broke the sound barrier but their two runs took 61 minutes to complete, cheating them out of a place in history by 60 seconds. International rules stipulate that the car must complete two runs within an hour so that it can be safely deemed that no outside force, including the wind, helped it

to reach the speed. Late last month Thrust SSC set the earlier best at 714mph after two flawless desert runs. The team woke yesterday to perfect conditions. During the first run at 9.07am local time, Page 3 | 5.07pm British time, Richard

offers in the past. His literary agent, David Chalfant, of the

American company IMG Lit-

erary, promised that it would

be a candid account, "reflec-

tive and introspective". He

said: This is going to be one of the biographies of the

decade. It's a memoir rather

One friend said that some

how, with the loss of his

friends the Princess and

Gianni Versace, Elton John

wanted to contemplate his

own life. He will collaborate

with Ingrid Sischy, of Inter-

view, the American magazine.

than an autobiography."

above the speed of sound. which varies according to altitude and temperature. During the return dash completed within the hour car notched up

766.109mph. Tony Blair was one of the first to send a message to Richard Noble and his team, saying: "Congratulations on going supersonic, earning yourselves a place in the record books. Breaking the sound barrier is a miumph for umph in which the nation can share and take pride in. This success is an excellent example of Britain at its best."

James Morton, co-owner of G-Force, the Sussex-based company that built Thrust, said: "We are proud to be involved in such a marvellous project which has brought so much esteem to British



John: has turned down all book offers in past



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THE automatic control of a car's speed moved a step closer to reality yesterday when ministers formally signalled the futuristic move as a likely weapon in the campaign to

reduce road deaths. Motor industry leaders were surprised that a government document published yesterday included auto-matic speed controls in a list of measures likely to be introduced to make roads safer

Until recently an electronic speed control system was the preserve of

The system would operate through roadside beacons transmitting speed limit information to in-car computers Ministers look to science for safer travel, Arthur Leathley reports

which would in turn restrict speed via an engine management system. Voluntary speed control is already becoming increasingly common in British cars and is widely installed as a standard accessory in the US.
Officials said that the move was

not a short-term option and that ministers wanted the issues surrounding automatic speed control to be discussed more widely. The measure is listed in the document alongside short-term solutions to road accidents, such as further curbs on drink-driving, better training and improved car design. Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, has made the curbing of speed a high

A £3.5 million anti-speeding advertising campaign is currently under way and ministers have combined with police chiefs to issue a warning that tougher enforcement action will be taken unless motorists take steps voluntarily.

Pressure is increasing on local authorities and police forces to put forward effective traffic calming schemes and to provide better protection for the most vulnerable road users, such as cyclists. Motor industry sources say that the technol-

ogy is now almost available and trials could be started by the turn of the century if there were political will. But the costs of setting up roadside transmitters, together with the political dangers, are likely still to deter some and the widespread use of such a system is not likely for at least 20

Britain has already achieved a target, originally set for the year 2,000, of reducing road deaths by one

third on the levels of the early 1980s. However, the number of slight injuries has increased by 12 per cent, attributable mainly to the substantial increase in traffic.

Lady Hayman has plans to set a new target next year, to be met by 2010, with interim reports every three years. They would be incorporated in a coherent road safety strategy reflecting the Government's work on an integrated transport policy.

Compared with the 1981-85 aver-

age, the number of deaths on the road has fallen by 36 per cent to 3,598 in 1996, while the number of serious casualties has dropped by 40 per cent

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rifkind is tipped to contest Beckenham

Sir Malcolm Rifkind was last night being tipped at Westminster as a potential applicant for the Tory candidacy in Beckenham after Piers Merchant's decision to resign his seat. The former Foreign Secretary publicly stated his desire to return to the Commons after losing his Edinburgh Pentiands seat in May.

Tory officials yesterday insisted that the selection process was a matter entirely for the Beckenham Conservative Constituency Association and refused to comment on whether William Hague would like a senior former minister as a candidate. No date has yet been fixed for the by election. Last night Sir Malcolm was understood to be considering his future political career but had not made any decision so soon after Mr Merchant's resignation.

Government media unit

A new unit to monitor comments about the Government on television, radio and in newspapers is to be set up before the end of the month. The media monitoring unit will allow Ministers to be briefed on news issues and to react quickly to changing events. If a trial is successful, a Government presentation unit is likely to be set up within the Cabinet Office. Press officers would be assigned to cover the regions to ensure that new policy initiatives are given national publicity.

Lords rules to change

A Lords committee last night gave the go-ahead for plans to change the ancient ceremony by which new peers are introduced into the House. The Lords Procedure Committee decided to investigate how the 370-year-old pageantry could be streamlined to save time. The move will pave the way for the Government to introduce some new Labour life peers more quickly as part of their planned reforms to the second chamber. The introduction ceremony dates from 1621.

Crash chairman resigns

The chairman of the Southall train crash inquiry resigned last night amid allegations that he faced a conflict of interest. Dr Tony Barrell announced his resignation after it emerged that his position as a non-executive director of the airport company BAA could compromise his position at the head of the inquiry. The stretch of line on which the train crashed, killing seven passengers, had recently been upgraded in preparation for the new Heathrow Express rail service.

Billière at No 10 party

General Sir Peter de la Billière, commander of British forces during the Gulf War, and Colonel Bob Stewart, former commander of British forces in Bosnia, joined show business celebrities last night at a Downing Street reception hosted by Tony Blair. Less than a year after being banished from all SAS bases for writing a best-selling account of his exploits in the war. Sir Peter joined 150 guests in No 10's

BBC gives new pledges

BBC viewers are to be asked whether they like the interviewing styles of presenters including Jeremy Paxman and John Humphrys in a survey to strengthen the Corporation's public accountability. The questions will form part of the BBC's new Statement of Promises, published yesterday. They will also be able to nominate which repeat programmes they want to see. The BBC has made 66 new promises and says it kept 221 of 230 made last year.

Crew mutinies over pay



A Lebanese cargo ship, the 9,500-tonne O'Shea Ernress. anchored in Plymouth Sound last night after its crew mutinied and took control of the vessel. The ship was taken over shortly after leaving Bremerhaven bound for Beirut with a cargo of German cars. The vessel's Polish captain put out a Mayday call after the ll-strong Lebanese crew took over the bridge and refused to leave until they received £60,000 in back pay they claim they were owed.

Prison condemned

A lightning inspection of Lincoln Prison uncovered filthy cells, a remand wing that was out of control, and gangs robbing weaker prisoners. Sir David Ramsbotham, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, said: "You begin to wonder in which country, and in what century, what is described is taking place." The inspection was carried out in March a week after a new governor took over. The Prison Service said: "Many of the problems have been tackled."

Business calls for clarity on EMU

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESS leaders yesterday called on the Government to clarify its position on a single European currency after a snate of reports suggesting that Britain was poised to enter EMU shortly after the

Vauxhall, the car manufacturer, was also forced to deny confused reports that it would pull out of the UK unless Britain signed up to EMU. The company had to deny that the chief economist of General Motors, its parent company, had said it would close its factories with the loss of almost 10,000 jobs unless the

Adair Turner, the directorgeneral of the Confederation of British Industry, said the muddle showed the Government needed to have a clearer position. Mr Turner doubted whether any existing international investors would close factories simply because the UK failed to join, but if it became obvious the UK was not planning to join in the long term this could put off future investment. "The issue is not about existing investment, it is tal new investment into existing facilities or new facilities would be somewhat higher or lower if we were out of EMU,"

John Redwood has today warned British industry that joining a single currency would cost it at least £10 billion. Writing in The Times, the

Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary claims that entering EMU now would lead to higher taxes, surging house prices and a market crash.

Mr Redwood said business should learn from the lessons of the European exchange-rate mechanism when business lost out in higher borrowing costs and fewer orders.

He argued that the government's indecision was making a mockery of the markets. "Huge sums are being invested in the belief that we will go in. Then, another day, huge sums are taken out in the belief that we will not."

But there was no "free lunch". If Britain entered EMU, interest rates would go down, but taxes would have to rise to stop a boom. "There would be far too much money in circulation, house prices would surge, markets would go giddy and then there would

be a crash." The pro-EMU European Movement said statements from a number of major companies showed that thousands of jobs would be at risk if the UK stayed out. "Any carefully about the costs of exclusion," it said.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, former CBI president, said he had heard the GM chief economist's reported view expressed by other businesses in private".

John Redwood, page 20



Glenn Hoddle, his wife Anne and their children Zara, Jamie and Zoe in the Shredded Wheat commercial

Company drops Hoddle family TV commercial after break-up

A TELEVISION commercial for Shredded Wheat featuring Glenn Hoddle, his wife and three children, was withdrawn yesterday. A spokesman for Nestlé said the advertisement was no longer appro-priate in the light of the England football coach's announcement that he was separating from his wife, Anne, after 18

The commercial, which has been running for only a few weeks, features the Hoddles sitting around the breakfast table in a happy family gathering. Hoddle's key line is: "Being the England coach is a bit like being a mum." He was part and the fee is understood to be unaffected. Industry insiders said Nestle may now make another advertisement

with Hoddle alone. A spokeswoman for Cereal Partners. which makes Shredded Wheat for Nestle, said news of the couple's separation was a complete surprise. "All of our contact with Glenn and his family was immensely positive," she said. "We We thought they were

a terrific family. The split was a surprise'

viewed them, as the rest of the country did, as a terrific family. We were therefore surprised and saddened to hear separation this morning.

Hoddle, a devout Christian, was choby leading advertising agency McCann Erikson to endorse the breakfast cereal largely because of his cleancut, family man image. The couple's children, Zoe, Zara and Jamie are aged 14. II and 5 respectively. The Hoddles' £350,000 home in Ascot.

Berkshire was deserted yesterday. Neighbours said Anne Hoddle had told them she was going away for a few days to escape the fuss. They, and worshippers at the Windsor church where the

Hoddles were popular members of the congregation, said they had no inlking that the relationship — considered as one of the strongest in sport — was in trouble.

The family moved to Ascot five years ago and neighbours said Hoddle, despite his fame, was a down to earth character

who seemed devoted to his wife and children. Ernest Duffey, 75, the former secretary of the Christ Church United Reformed Church, said: "I would never, never have dreamt it. I saw Anne a couple of Sundays ago and she was fine." Mrs Hoddle's mother. Elaine Sterling. is one of the congregation at the church. She said yesterday: "I think everybody

amazed. I can't say any more." John Gorman, England's assistant coach and a friend of Hoddle's for 15 ears, was clearly affected by the news.

He insisted, however, that the demands of steering the England team to the World Cup finals had not been to blame. "It was not the pressure. Football had nothing to do with it. And there was nobody else involved."

Tories' broadcast marks end of link with Saatchis

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

THE Tories finally broke the cades after they first helped to propel Margaret Thatcher to power. One of Britain's highest paid advertising agency directors has taken their place. The severing of the 20-year relationship with the Saatchis was confirmed with the Tories opening party political broadcast last night since the election. It was the first not to

bear the Saatchi hallmark in more than 15 years.

Robin Wight, the flamboy-ant bow-tied chairman of

wcrs clients include BMW, Land Rover and Orange mobile phones - has emerged as the world of advertising's key adviser to William Hague. Mr Wight, who helped to build the agency into one of Europe's biggest, works in an unofficial and unpaid capacity.

A former Tory parliamenta-ry candidate, he was one of only a handful of outsiders at the recent strategy session held in the Dorset home of Viscount Cranborne, the Tory leader in the House of Lords. The abandonment of M C

Saatchi was not a surprise. Relations between the newly ennobled Maurice Saatchi and the Tory leadership were seriously strained after internal disagreements over the £20 million advertising strategy for the election. Senior Tories predicted last

night that it was unlikely the Saatchi brothers would work for the party again. However, Lord Saatchi, who has worked on every election campaign since 1979, remains supportwith Lord Parkinson, the par-

Virus discovery threatens pig transplant programme

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO previously unidentified viruses have been found in pig organs, raising a new hurdle to pig-to-human transplants. The viruses form part of the pig's own genetic complement. meaning that it will be very difficult to get rid of them, and they are thought to be able to infect humans. They are related to viruses which can cause leukaemia in monkeys, cats and birds.

Tens of millions of pounds have been invested in attempts to genetically engineer pigs so that their organs can be transplanted to humans. Without

such "xenotransplants", thousands of pople on the waiting lists for kidneys or hearts are unlikely ever to get them. The new findings are published in the journal Nature by scientists from the Institute for Medical Research in Mill

Hill. London. The team responsible concluded that, because the viruses were so common in a wide range of pigs, "the breeding of virus-free pigs, if at all feasible, will represent a complex task". Imutran, the Cambridge company pioneering pig-to-human transplants, said yes-

already aware of three such viruses, including the two identified at Mill Hill. Work was under way to see if the viruses could jump the species barrier into humans and, if so, what effect they might have. The Mill Hill team identi-

fied two separate classes of porcine endogenous retroviruses in laboratory-grown kidney cells, and pig tissue taken from the heart, spleen and kidneys. Retroviruses are the same family that includes HIV, but the pig viruses belong to a different sub-type.

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Au pair told mother her son had choked

IN NEW YORK

PALE and barely choking back her emotion, Deborah Eappen, the mother of the nine-month-old boy allegedly shaken to death by Louise Woodward, told a tense courtroom yesterday that the British au pair had rung her on the day her son was admitted to hospital to tell her that the baby had "choked on

She said Miss Woodward described how her son Mat-thew had lost consciousness, was "breathing strangely" and his eyes were "glazed"

Mrs Eappen also described how Miss Woodward told her that she shook Matthew, but only after he had seemed to stop breathing. She said she saw Matthew later at the hospital and observed that his eyes were unseeing after a haemorrhage of the brain.

Earlier, Mrs Eappen told the court in Cambridge, Massachusetts, that Miss Woodward habitually stayed out late at night, frequently disappeared and, on numerous occasions, she left the babies in her care unattended. Her voice shaking, Mrs Eappen said Matthew was



Deborah Eappen breaking down in court yesterday

"healthy, smiling, babbling, fat, lazy, easy to take care of in the weeks preceding his

-Wearing a high-necked knee-length floral cotton dress, with simple single-pearl earrings, Mrs Eappen recounted the history of the family's relationship with Miss Woodward, from the day in November 1996 when they first interviewed her for the au

hospital. The picture she painted of

giving dinner and dinner on Christmas Eve last year. On New Year's Eve, Mrs Eappen said, Miss Woodward simply disappeared. Even her mother, who was staying with us, did not know where Louise had gone."

She said that, on January 30, two months after Miss Woodward joined them, the ise for a discussion. She said: We told her that this was it. She either accepted our guidethem, assuring the Eappens that she would reform and do

Mrs Eappen said she had left home to go to work on February 4, only to be paged to ring Miss Woodward. She said: "Louise said, "It's Matthew. I think Matthew has choked on his own vomit.' I said. Did you do the abdominal thrusts like we talked about? She said, 'No, he was breathing funny. He was sounding gurely.

Mrs Eappen asked the au pair if she had dialled the emergency number 911 but she allegedly said that, instead, she had paged Mr Eappen that Matthew was crying and didn't want to take the bottle, so she changed his diaper and she put him on his bed with his caterpillar toy and she went back to the bathroom and threw the diaper away, and washed her hands thoroughly and then she went back and his eyes looked glazed over.

She said she could hear on the telephone the paramedics working on her dying son. Mrs Eappen said that at the hospital, where she was joined by her husband, a team of emergency physicians was ex-amining Matthew. "They had an ophthalmolo-

gist looking at his eyes and he said there was blood in his meant. I just couldn't believe it. I asked if I could have a quick look while they were arranging a CAT scan. The ophthalmologist lent me his equipment. When I looked at Matthew's eyes both pupils didn't react to the light. This is of haemorrhaging deep in the

The trial continues



Debbie I alor with daughter Georgina. She has sent a reference to the defence team and says that Miss Woodward was "calm, capable and easy-going"

Louise was great with my girl, says villager

A MOTHER who employed Louise Woodward as babysitter before she left for America has spoken for the first time about the caring teenager who responded to her youngster's overactivity with reserves of natience.

Debbie Lalor, 36, a deputy hotel manager, said she was perfectly happy with the way she cared for her daughter Georgina, now 10, over a two-Miss Woodward, 19, as a "calm. capable and easy going" babysitter, and has written a character reference to be used in her defence.

"The way Louise is coming across in the court case is not the Louise I know," said Mrs Lalor, who has also written to Miss Woodward in jail urging her to maintain a positive mental attitude. Mrs Lalor has been a friend of the Woodward family for 20 years and lives half-a-mile away on the other side of Elton, in Cheshire. She provided references for Miss Woodward and helped her to apply for a post in the United States.

The schoolgirl, then 13. began babysitting for her when Mrs Lalor took up a part-time job as a barmaid in the Rigger public house. Georgina was then four and known to be a handful. Mrs Lalor said: "She had a good attitude towards children, very capable, and I never had any worries about leaving Georgina with her. She used to bath her, give her some supper and out her to bed while reading her a story.

When Georgina was spe cially boisterous she would always very patient if she was in that mood. Louise was very child-orientated and would even come round just to see Georgina after school or when she had time in the holidays. Although she was level-headed and calm she always had a sense of humour. She had everything in perspective."

Villagers conducting a prayer vigil for Miss-Woodward at the parish of St James

Thousands watch on Net

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

AN INTERNET site dedicated to the case is attracting even drawing the cautionary attention of the judge presiding over her trial.

The site, set up in Newton

— the suburb of Cambridge,
Massachusetts, where Miss
Woodward lived with the family of nine-month-old Matthew Eappen - has become such a talking point in the area that Judge Hiller B. Zobel routinely warms jurors not to consult the Internet when they return home each

May I remind you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury," he says, "that it is prohibited to read about the case in newspapers, to watch television with anyone. Furthermore, set up by The News Tribune need."

Failings by

agencies

over killing

of father

By Simon de Bruxelles

A 24-YEAR-OLD mentally ill woman beat her father to

death after her early release

from a secure psychiatric unit. But an inquiry into the killing concluded yesterday that de-

spite shortcomings in the treatment of Sarah Beynon, a

23-year-old office worker, the

tragedy could probably not

Beynon, of Clevedon, Som-

erset, was taken into secure

accommodation after she developed paranoid schizophre-

nia. She had shown signs of violence and heard voices

After an apparent improve

ment she was allowed home

on day release to her family in

Portishead, In August 1995 she

crept up behind her father Colin, 56, killed him with a

mallet and hammer. Last May

A report commissioned by

the Avon Health Authority

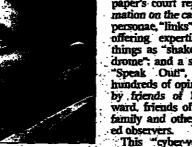
revealed a "lack of communi-

she was sent to Broadmoor.

telling her to kill her father.

have been avoided. -.





By RUSSELL JENKINS

surprising sympathy

may I stress that the Internet

of Newton, the parish newspaper. Readers can find daily reports by Anne Scadding, the paper's court reporter, information on the case's dramatis personae, "links" to other sites offering expertise on such things as "shaken baby syndrome", and a section called "Speak Out!", comprising hundreds of opinions sent in by friends of Miss Woodward, friends of the Eappen family and other unconnect-This "cyber-vox pop" is surprisingly sympathetic to Miss Woodward. One con-

bributor said: "A lot of people

seem to have jumped to

conclusions about Louise

Woodward, and quite frankly we have only our press and

media to blame. They often

give us what they think we

want rather than the kick up

Miss Woodward was deeply

unflattering. Mrs Eappen

said: "She was often out late,

and got up late in the morning

... I was concerned about her

energy levels and patience

Mrs Eappen said Miss Woodward had always resist-

ed the idea of a curlew. She

added: "She once came back at

2.48am. I know the time

because she was wearing very

heavy boots and made a lot of

Miss Woodward seldom

spent time with the family, refusing to attend the Thanks-

with two young children."

is now a medium of communication, and that you may not draw information from . The Louise Woodward

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cannabis at break time,

Manchester Crown Court was

told. Pupils smuggled the

drugs into the 143-year-old Blue Coat Church of England school in Oldham, Greater Manchester, in the limings of

their blazers or hidden in the

Todd Crombie, 18, of Woodhouses, Oldham, one of four facing charges including

his brother Ben. 15, was was

jailed for three years yesterday for being concerned in the supply of LSD and cannabis. He was the only one of the

four not a pupil at the school.

The scandal led to seven

pupils being expelled from the voluntary-aided school. Judge Richard Holman told

Crombie: "You were the

puppermaster of young pupils who did your dirty work for you. There would have been

you, but they must have been at A-level.

tops of their socks.

Virgin 'was Three years for gang-raped youth who ran by six boys school drugs ring in car park'

By A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGE "puppermaster" rubbing their hands with glee ran a ring of schoolboy drug dealers who sold LSD and engaged young and vulnera-A 16-YEAR-OLD schoolgirl engaged young and vulnera-ble minds in this sordid Ben Crombie, of the same

address, admitted being con-cerned in the supply of cannabis and was made subject of a two-year supervision order. London, with a friend. "She John Höllingworth, now 16, also of Woodhouses, was sen-tenced to 18 months' youth had an hour before going to a music lesson — they were killing time," Andrew custody for supplying LSD.

David Wrigley, also 16, of
New Moston, was made subject of a supervision order for

two years for supplying LSD and cannabis. The judge made an order that the boys could be He told them: "A dark shadow hangs like a cloud over Blue Coat School, a good

school with an excellent reputanon which you have now tarnished by your behaviour." in the summer the school reached the top 30 in The older and more evil men above Times list of comprehensives

was gang-raped by six boys they attacked her in a multistorey car park, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

The alleged victim, a virgin, had gone to the shopping centre in Wood Green, North

Brierley, for the prosecution, said. When they came out of a shop, they were approached by a group of boys. Both girls were forced into the car park above the shops. One boy made 'unwanted advances" to the friend, while the girl was taken into a lobby area in the two-hour attack in February. Light bulbs were smashed and she was threat-

Brierley said. The six, who cannot be named, deny rape. One also denies indecently assaulting



Leonardo bike 'was 1960s doodle' been folded in half and glued

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SKETCH that for years has convinced some academics that Leonardo da Vinci invented the bicycle was in fact a doodle by an Italian monk in the 1960s, it was claimed yesterday.

The famous drawing of a

two-wheeled machine with chain, pedals, seat and handlebers was discovered in 1974 by a researcher at the Catholic University in Milan It has appeared in books and museum displays with da Vinci's sketches of parachutes . and a helicopter, becoming a source of Italian pride. At the time, it was thought

unlikely to be a drawing done

directly by the master, but a

rough copy by a pupil of an original, since lost, sketch by

da Vinci. Now Hans-Erhard Lessing, retired curaior of the

Museum of Technology and



Renaissance bicycle: sketch that peddled a legend

Labour in Manuhelm, besheet of genuine da Vinci drawings were sketched into a bicycle in the 1960s when entist magazine. Italian monks were restoring

lieves that two circles on a invented the bicycle," the reenthusiast has told New Sci-

The sketch of the bicycle is

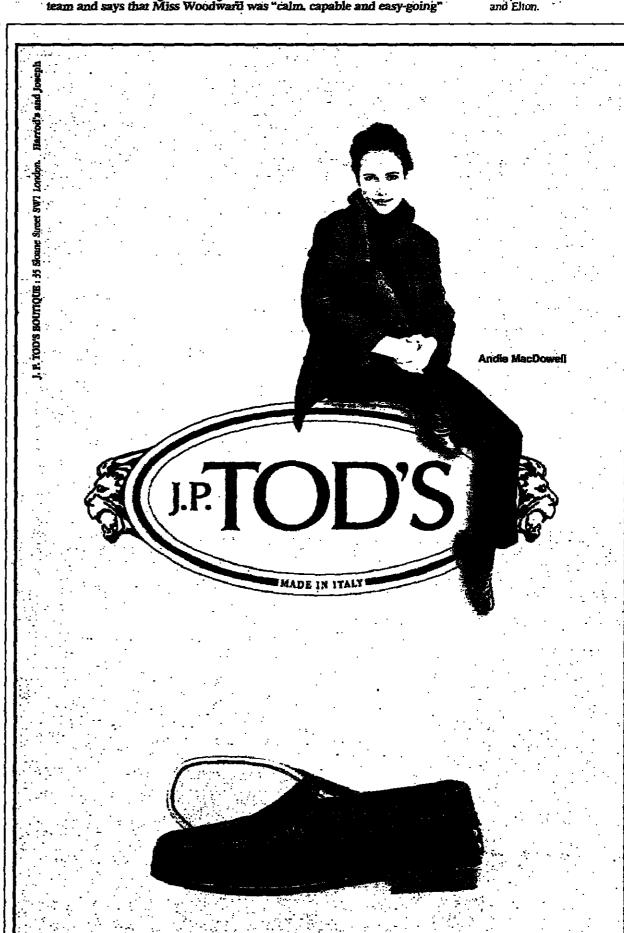
by a 16-century conservator. Mr Lessing tracked down Carlo Pedretti, an art historian at the University of California at Los Angeles, who in 1961 had examined the folded

He confirmed that he had

never seen a bicycle among

the sketches instead his notbook records seeing two circles. "What I saw was not a bicycle." he told the magazine. An analysis of the brown crayon could provide conclusive proof, by helping to date the drawing. But the pages have since been scaled in

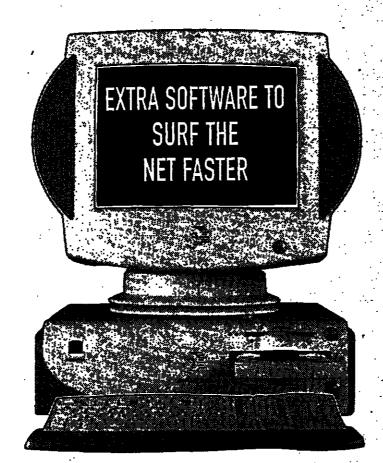
plastic to preserve them. Despite the controversy, modellers at the Museum of Leonardo da Vinci in Florence have made a full-scale replica of the bicycle based on the sketch. It will be on display in an exhibition to the master's work in New York



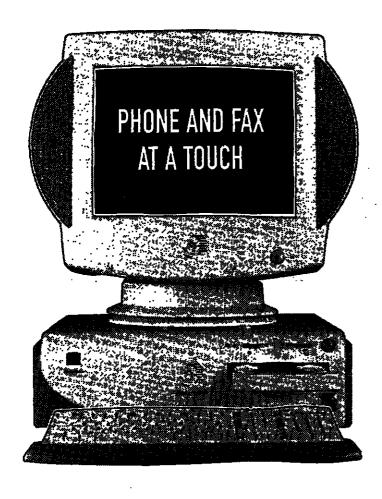
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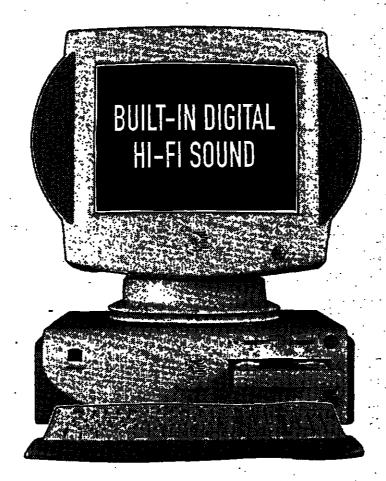
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Schools to lose voice on parents' choice

By John O'Leary, education editor

right of appeal to independent panels if their children are rejected by the schools of their choice, it was announced yesterday as new figures showed

under the current system.

The number of appeals against popular schools' decisions on admissions has risen consistently as parents have tried to exercise choices championed by the Conservative government. The 62,856 ap-peals in 1995-96 represented a per cent rise in a year. Almost 40 per cent of last

ear's appeals were successful in securing places against schools wishes. But Stephen Byers, the School Standards Minister, told headteachers of grant-maintained schools that many parents still felt the involvement of school governors and local authority officials weighted the process

Legislation to be introduced next month will establish independent local panels from which councillors and governors of the school involved in an appeal will be barred. Mr Byers said the new system would have the confidence

and support of parents.
The 1980 Education Act gave parents the right to appeal against the school to which their children were assigned. But the biggest increases have come since the introduction of school league tables and the publication of

The number of appeals has almost doubled since the start of the decade, and last month. the Local Government Ombudsman reported a 50 percent increase during 1996 in the number of parents lodging

complaints about the han-

dling of their cases.

About 70 per cent of appeals in 1995-96 submitted by parents were pursued to a committee bearing, according to the Department for Education and Employment. Almost 17,000 cases were decided in favour of the parents com-pared with 14,800 in the previous year. Most appeals concerned admission to secondary schools, but the success rate was higher in

primary school cases. Mr Byers said: "This further increase in the member of appeals by parents shows how hollow the claim of the previous government that they were extending parental choice really was."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. said that confusion over admission procedures might not improve: "This Government must ensure that its promises are kept and are realistic - for example, you cannot guaransome constraint on parental

Last year, the Audit Commission warned of impending "gridlock" over admissions because of conflicting admissions policies and a shortage of places in popular schools. Next months—Bill will give local authorities responsibility for co-ordinating policies in all schools in their area.

Stephen Dorrell, the Shadow Education Secretary, said: "The figure is higher than I feel comfortable with, but it is a challenge to the Government to see that figures fall, not to simply blame it on its prede-



Sultry look: "There's no theme," said McCartney. It was a collection to make women confident



Stella McCartney puts on the style

FROM GRACE BRADBERRY, STYLE EDITOR, IN PARIS

STELLA McCARTNEY, the 25-yearold daughter of Sir Paul and Linda McCartney, claimed not to have given her parents a preview of her debut show for Chloe in Paris. "I wanted it to be a surprise," she said yesterday.

Nor had she tried to compete with the extravagant, themed collections of her fellow Britons, John Galliano and Alexander McQueen: "There's no theme - it's just a collection that women can feel confident in, with a lot of attention to detail."

As well as her trademark lingerie tops, there were laced corsets over long skirts, wide-legged, tailored trouser suits and a bikini with red heart design sure to be snapped up by exactly the kind of monied girls-about-town that the Chloe label is intended to attract.

Tiny little dresses with tassles hanging from the back were reminiscent of Galliano. But though the clothes were not wildly original, they had a distinctive style and they worked.

Alexander McQueen, who showed his second collection for Givenchy vesterday afternoon, shunned the tra-

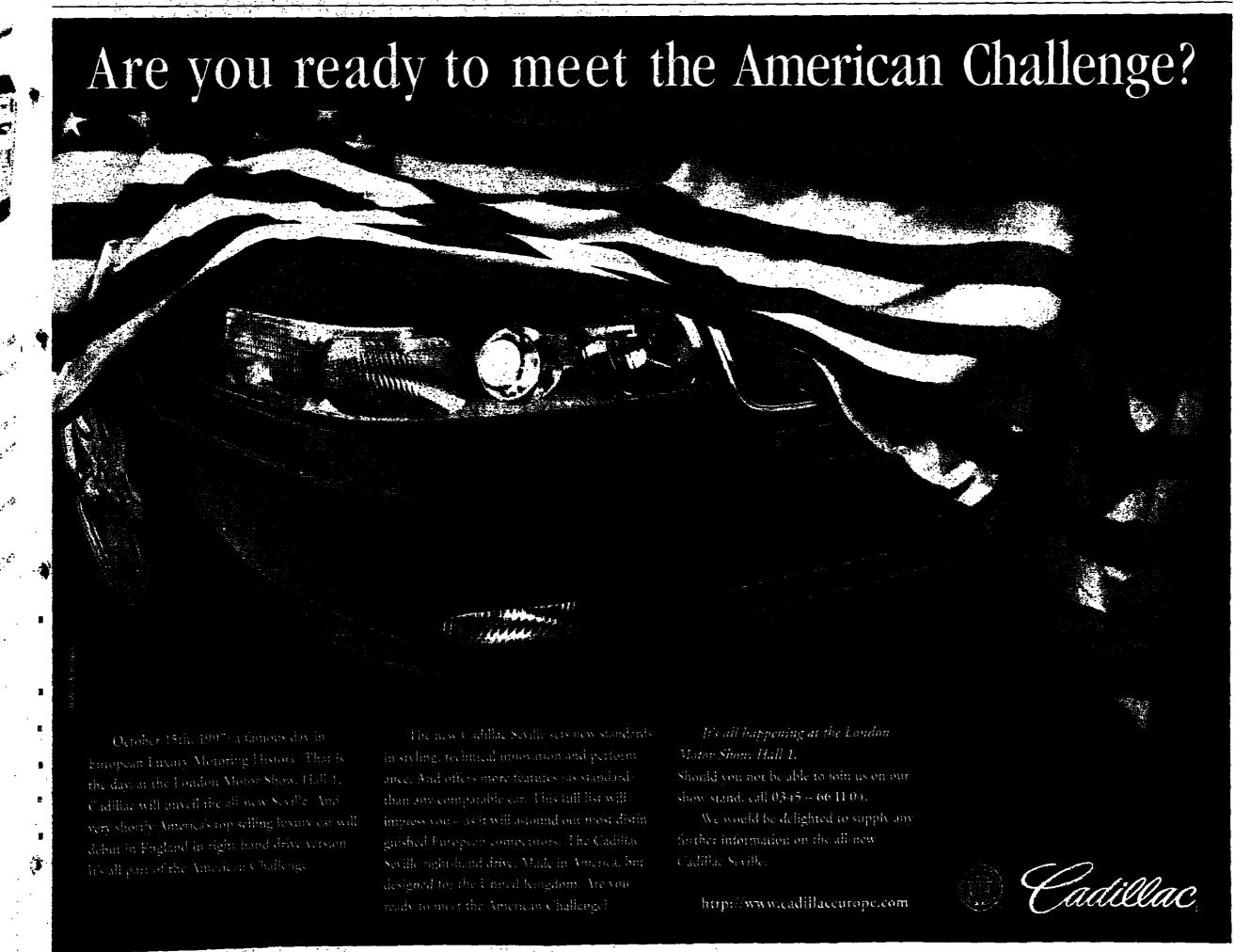
ditional photo opportunity with the models, turning his back on the ranks of cameras. The models looked aghast. Even before the show, McQueen, 27, made himself scarce to enjoy a cigarette and a beer in the lighting gantry. Designers usually remain backstage, checking each model as she

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These eccentricities aside, the show. held in the Stade Française on the outskirts of Paris, inspired by the film Paris Texas and the style of Dolly Parton, featured some truly desirable clothes. There were leather dresses with slashed shoulders and skirts half-cowgirl, half-Pocahontas -- and a stunning orange drape-necked evening dress, with a flower design and a hem dropping to the floor at the back. The models, including Kate Moss, Honor Fraser and Jodie Kidd, wore stetsons. One carried a silver revolver. They emerged to the sound of cracking whips and neighing horses, the clouds projected on to screens giving way to large gold Givenchy labels. It was a slick, surprisingly mature collection.





GODDESS OF SMALL **THINGS**

Booker judge Jason Cowley meets **Booker winner Arundhati Rov**

> plus metro

Eddie Izzard in New York

Nurse collapses on hearing her life has been spared

Victim's brother takes 'blood money'

deal of £730,000 after months of

haggling, reports Roger Maynard

DEBORAH PARRY, the British nurse accused of murder-ing an Australian colleague. collapsed with relief in her prison cell in Saudi Arabia esterday when told that her victim's brother had spared her from the death penalty.

Parry held on to her friend and fellow accused Lucille McLauchlan when lawyers told the pair that a blood money deal had been concluded after months of haggling.
A legal source said: "Both

women have been in very low spirits. This news has lifted a huge burden but they still protest their innocence." Frank Gilford said yester-

day that he still believed the two nurses murdered his sister Yvonne, but was prepared to show mercy after receiving E730,000 from British companies and businessmen. He denied that it was blood money or that he would profit. saying the cash would fund a ward in his sister's memory in an Adelaide hospital. Last night the hospital authorities said they were undecided about whether to accept such a

The two British families were told the news in a telephone call from their Australian lawyers in the early hours of yesterday and said

they were "relieved and delighted". They hope to visit the women next week Both nurses are reported to be in failing health and "great-ly dispirited" according to a legal source and are "dreading facing many more months" in the overcrowded and insanitary Damman Central Prison.

However, the Saudi court is

expected to deliver a swift

verdict on Ms Parry, 38, from Alton, Hampshire. Defence lawyers are resigned to the court returning a guilty verdict as the Islamic judges relied on the women's confessions. which they say were forced out of them by sexual coercion. McLauchlan, 31, from Dundee, has already been sentenced to eight years

and 500 lashes.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, welcomed Mr Gilford's waiver, but said: This is not the end of the story. It removes the threat of beheading: that will be immensely valuable news to both the nurses in jail, and also a great relief to their families.

"I did say our objective would be to try to achieve an outcome in which neither nurse was beheaded, and neither nurse was flogged in public. We are half way there and we will now be looking at



Frank Gilford, right, with his lawyers Vernon Cassin, left, and Osama al-Sulaim

how we can achieve both those

If found guilty Ms Parry is likely to face an eight-year sentence. Mr Gilford's clemency deal does not extend to reprieving McLauchlan from a public flogging.

Defence lawyers have appealed against that sentence and have warned the Saudi authorities that the nurse is not "physically strong enough" to withstand such a

Senior Saudi diplomats have assured the women and

the British Government that the nurses will be neither flogged nor beheaded. Their suggestion is that the women will face a reduced jail term and can expect to be pardoned

The nurses Saudi lawyer last night criticised Mr Gilford for delaying his waiver until he increased his own stake in the blood money. Salah al Hejailan said Mr Gilford should not receive a penny until he keeps his side of the bargain, which includes denying an allegation made

by Saudi investigators that his sister was involved in a lesbian relationship with the two

He also wants the 57-yearold courier driver to press the Saudis to release damning evidence in the case which casts guards working at the hospital complex as the main suspects. Such evidence is too late to affect the court's verdict on Ms Parry, and might not be allowed in any appeal. ☐ Additional reporting by Michael Theodoulou and

Leader of the inn crowd dies aged 88

ALDO BERNI, who gave millions their first big taste of dining out, has died aged 88. Steak dinners at Berni lnns helped many Britons break free from postwar austerity. Mr Berni and his brother,

Frank, arrived in Britain from Italy with their family in the 1920s. They were part of a generation of young men from the Mediterranean, including Lord Forte. who were to dominate postwar British catering and

The Berni brothers drew their inspiration from steakhouses and diners in the United States, which had become hugely popular with limited menus and low prices. They began their business in Bristol, buying a pub called The Horts, and opened their first Berni Inn steakhouse in 1943.

Their ability to produce a plate of steak and chips at a reasonable price was highly prized in an era of rationing and national parsimony. The chain soon evolved with the introduction of heavy wooden chairs, red velvet, and miniature paper para-sols for the elaborate cock-

tails and puddings.
For all the clitist jokes about the Berni Inn staples of prawn cocktail, steak and chips and black forest



Aldo Berni: helped to

treats for millions as they became the restaurants of the silent majority. The chain grew to 147 hotels and restaurants. In 1970 the Bernis sold it to Grand Met for £14.5 million.

Though Italian by birth. Aldo Berni always regarded himself as a native of Bristol, where he lived for most of his-life. His wife, Esme. died last year, leaving more than £3.5 million to an animal sanctuary. Mr Berni, who had suffered a series of strokes, died in the Avon

Gorge nursing home. His daughter, Lina Boyd-Rochfort, said yesterday: "He looked after people and was always willing to help those less fortunate than

Frank Berni, 95, is living in Jersey with his wife, Lina, and is still handy with a

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Sex is a shot in the arm for giants of the ocean

SCIENCE EDITOR

THE giant squid, which lives. 3,000ft deep in the ocean, has unusual mating habits. Two Australian zoologists have discovered that the males "inject" their sperm into the arms of the females, probably under hydraulic pressure. Giant squid may grow up to 60ft long, and many have been caught in nets or washed

up on shores. None, however, wild, so the creature remains poorly understood. In Nature, Dr Mark Norman, of the Museum of Victoria, and a colleague, Dr C. C. Lu, of the University of Melbourne, describe two fe-

Australia. One of them had capsules of sperm between four and eight inches long embedded in an arm. The sperm capsules, or

spermatophores, had appar-

male giant squid caught in

fishermen's nets off southern

THE MYSTERIOUS GIANT SQUID

nearly a metre long. The surprise, as smaller squid use

similar mating techniques. Such abrupt mating practices may be dictated by the darkness of the deep ocean and infrequent meetings with others of its kind. Indeed, a male was recovered in the 1950s off Norway with spermatophores injected into

jected the spermatophores while attempting to impreg nate a female, accidental 'riveting' a co-suitor." the zool ogists speculate. "Alternatively, this male may have liter-

ally 'shot' himself in the foot " Once embedded in the skin. the sperm may remain there for some time before it is used to fertilise the eggs. But how the females make use of the sperm when the time comes remains obscure.

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Hole in heart baby 'did not have a chance. I failed my child'

the success of his complicated heart operations on babies minutes after one had died and another had been left seriously brain damaged, the General Medical Council was

told yesterday.

The mother of the dead baby told the council's disci-plinary committee that James Wisheart told her: "It is one of the best jobs I have ever done." To the mother of the other baby he appeared "absolutely euphoric about the way things

Mr Wisheart, 59, was a senior cardiac consultant at the Bristol Royal Infirmary from 1975 until last year. He and his colleague, Jenardan Dhasmana, deny serious pro-fessional misconduct. Both are alleged to have continued carrying out operations when they knew that at least twice as many babies died in their care as in other hospitals. Dr John Roylance, former chief executive of the United Bristol Healthcare Trust, also denies serious professional misconduct for allowing the two to go

Ian Murray

hears mothers tell inquiry

surgeon was boasting after

tragic operations

on operating, even though his duty was to stop them.

Bronwen Stewarts haby son, lan, was four months old when Mr Wisheart operated

on him in September 1993 for a complicated hole in the heart condition. Roger Henderson, QC, for the GMC, asked her if she was deeply dispressed when she found Ian had been seriously brain-damaged. Mrs Stewart, 38, paused for a long moment before sobbing out her answer. I have watched my little boy for years. biting his fingers. I have changed his blood-covered sheets when he bites himself. I

> reassured by her husband who said he was probably erring on the side of caution. At a further meeting with Mr Wisheart shortly before the operation, "he said it [brain damage] is so rare that it just doesn't happen, and if it does, we know."

She said that when they agreed that the operation could go ahead, she had no idea about the true mortality rates for this type of procedure at the Bristol hospital. Instructed by the committee not to disclose the figures she had since been told about the mortality rates, she asked angrily: These are cold figures, why can't I say them? Is

am obviously deeply dis-Mrs Stewart and her hus-

band, James, 40, are chartered accountants who live on a mine in central Queensland, Australia. They decided to have their baby in England where they could be closer to medical care. Within ten days of their son's birth in May, 1993, at a hospital in Taumon, Somerset, they were told by Stephen Jordan, a surgeon from Bristol, that he had a heart defect and would need an operation. Mrs Stewart said that as they had heard good reports of the Bristol hospital, they agreed the oper-ation should take place there.

Mrs Stewart said she was told the risk of her son dying from the operation was one in live, that there was a one in 200 chance he would be braindamaged, and that this was almost always reversible.

She said that at her first meeting with Mr Wisheart he just that it unpalatable?"
"I understand completely carefully explained the operation to her, and warned there was only a 50 per cent chance how you feel," Sir Donald he would survive. This had Irvine, president of the GMC, shocked her, but she had been said. "No, you don't," Mrs Stewart said. "My understanding was that the whole truth was going to come out. But if I can't say the truth, it is not going to come out."

She said she had later been

told that II out of the 15 babies to undergo the operation at ristol had died, and only one of the survivors had been Mr Wisheart's patient. "My baby didn't have a chance," she said. "I have to live with the knowledge that I failed my child dismally." After the eight-hour opera-

tion September 30, 1993, Mr Wisheart "was absolutely cuphoric," Mrs Stewart said. He told us everything had gone exceedingly well. He was totally jubilant about the way everything had gone. He said there had been a problem during the bypass, but he glossed over it and said things had gone really well." Two weeks later a neurologist had told them there was serious brain damage which had occ-

6 He said he was perfectly happy about the way operation went. It was one of the best jobs he had done ?

urred while the bypass surgery was going on. Mr Stewart said he would never have signed consent for the operation if he had known the true risk factor. He had discussed the possiblity of brain damage with Mr Wisheart, whom he had found

Lisa Silcox, 27, from Brixham, Devon, told the council that when her daughter. Hanna, was born in 1993. she was diagnosed as having a hole in the heart. She had been told there was a one in five risk that she would die in an operation to mend it. Mr

to be a fantastic, lovely man

who was very dedicated. "I understood that if Ian did

suffer brain damage, he would

not bring him back from the

operating theatre. I left that

meeting with the clear under-

standing that my son faced two outcomes, death or life."

operation in May 1994, and Hanna had died the same day. Mrs Silcox said: "He said he was perfectly happy about the way the operation had taken place. He said it was one of the best jobs he had ever done." Earlier, Mr Henderson said

Wisheart had carried out the

that the surgeons had gone on operating despite mounting criticism and evidence from colleagues that the mortality rate at the hospital was far too

As chief executive, Dr Roylance had been in a difficult situation because Mr Wisheart was medical director of the trust and as such was the person from whom he should have sought advice. "However, as chief executive and a doctor, Dr Roylance should have acted." The hearing, in London,

NEWS IN BRIEF

MoD sued over stress disorder

Artillery is sueing the Ministry of Defence over a claim that he is suffering from postwitnessing a civilian being blown up by a terrorist bomb during a tour of Northern

Neil Davidson, 27, from Newcastle upon Tyne, claims that since the incident he has been subject to uncontrollable bouts of rage. Last year he was given a 212-year sentence for robbery which he has now served. He is accusing the Ministry of Defence of negligence for failing to treat him for post-traumatic stress

Passenger jailed

Sarah Bronks, 34, a mother of two, of Abheywood, southeast London, who slapped an air stewardess on the face after heing refused a drink on a flight from Lanzarote to Gatwick, was jailed for two months for assault by magis-trates at Crawley, West Sussex.

Mitford sale

Asthall Manor, near Witney, Oxfordshire, the former home of Nancy Mitford, author of Love in a Cold Climate, has been sold for £3.15 million more than twice its asking price - to David Davies, of the property holding com-pany First Pacific Davies.

Spider woman

A woman with a fear of spiders, who bought a taran-tula to impress her boyfriend, needed surgery after the spi-der nearly blinded her by flicking tiny barbed hairs into her eyes. Sarah Burton, 24, of Exeter, had hoped to overcome her arachnophobia.

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Sporting first

An England football jersey from the first official interna tional against Scotland, 125 years ago, fetched £21,275 at an auction in Glasgow. The jersey, with three lions and a knitted diamond motif, was worn by Arnold Kirke-Smith, the English centre forward.



Bronwen and James Stewart, with their daughters, arriving at the hearing where they both gave evidence

James Wisheart and his wife, Janet, outside the General Medical Council hearing in London

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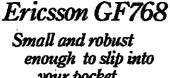
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No win, no fee justice will be a rip-off, says Bar chairman

Frances Gibb on fears that greater access to the law will prompt lawyers to charge more

big expansion of "no win, no fee" work by lawyers is running into opposition from the Bar and consumer groups even before being unveiled this Saturday.

this Saturday, Robert Owen QC, chairman of the Bar, delivered a robust warning yesterday that the plans - aimed at increasing access to justice for people on middle incomes — will lead to the public being "ripped off" by lawyers.

Under no win, no fee agreements, lawyers take on cases for nothing and may increase their fees by up to double if

On Saturday the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, is expected to unveil plans for expanding no-win. or conditional, fees to all claims over money or damages But Mr Owen, in a letter to

Lord Irvine, is urging caution and further research before such a move is given the go-ahead. He said: "There is a very real danger of abuse. There is a conflict of interest at the very heart of these conditional fee agreements which could lead to the public being

The amount by which laware suing Gallaghers and Imperial Tobacco, with lawwas directly related to their

THE troubled seven-year

marriage of Marina Mowatt,

daughter of Princess Alexan-

dra and Sir Angus Ogilvy,

came to a sad close yesterday.

Ms Mowatt, 30, was granted a

decree nisi on the grounds of

the unreasonable behaviour

of her husband, Paul, a 34-

told the court that she was

suffering "stress-related

symptoms" as a result of the

problems of the marriage.

which began in 1990 when she

While she wished her hus-

band to have "plentiful contact" with their two children.

Zenouska, 7, and Christian, 4,

Ms Mowatt said the continua-

tion of the marriage was caus-

ing them emotional suffering.

31st in line to the throne, nor

her husband was in court for

the 60-second hearing at Som-

The couple separated iast

April when Ms Mowatt app-

lied for a High Court order preventing her husband from

erset House in London.

Neither Ms Mowatt, who is

was five months pregnant.

In an affidavit Ms Mowatt

year-old photographer.

Stormy marriage

of Queen's cousin

ends in divorce

BY EMMA WILKINS

assessment of how risky a case was, he said. However, ordinary people would have no way of knowing whether that risk assessment was

The blunt truth is that people will end up paying more to lawyers, and we do not think that is a satisfactory arrangement in the public-

Mr Owen's comments coincide with mounting concerns

BY FRANCES GIBB

BRITAIN'S first legal action

against tobacco companies

could collapse after a ruling

allowing the companies to try

to make the lung cancer victims' lawyers liable for

costs of up to £20 million if

they lose. The judgment strikes at the heart of the

Government's plans for a big expansion of "no win, no fee"

Some 47 lung cancer victims

approaching her or their home in Teddington, south-

west London. The order came

after an incident when Mr

Mowatt was said to have

attacked his wife while in a

The couple's marriage began amid reports of a rift

between Ms Mowatt and her

parents. Ms Mowatt, who is

the Prince of Wales's god-

daughter, initially declared

that she would not "waddle"

down the aisle while notice-

which the bride wore black -

Ms Mowatt posed for photo-

that showed her holding a

gun and wearing a crown

with thigh-high boots and

In the affidavit, Ms Mowatt

said that Mr Mowatt moved

out of the matrimonial home

in April last year. The couple

were briefly reunited three

months later but Mr Mowatt

refused to attend marriage

guidance counselling and the

problems remained unsolved.

After the wedding - at

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Law Society, and from the Legal Action Group of lawyers and advice workers. All sav that an expansion of no-win work should not be a substi-

tute for civil legal aid. If such aid is withdrawn as no-win fees are brought in, then many people would actually be denied access to justice, and be worse off than now, Mr Owen said yesterday. "To pursue a claim on a no-win fee basis, litigants will have to take out an insurance premi-

yers doing the work on a no

win, no fee basis because the

victims could not obtain leval

aid. Mr Justice Popplewell has said he will not debar the

tobacco companies from seek-

ing to recover their costs from

the lawyers. The tobacco com-

panies argue that it is the

lawyers who are funding the

litigation and therefore they

are an interested party who should be liable for costs.

Friday, Mr Justice Popplewell

rejected an application by Leigh Day & Co. in which they

At a private hearing last

The minimum of such a

premium would be £100. which people now on legal aid could not afford. Worse, in high-risk claims such as medical negligence, the premiums pounds..

"In a medical negligence case I am appearing in at present, the client has had to

pay £15,000 in insurance for Case against tobacco firms

may fall over costs ruling co companies from seeking to recover the costs of the action from the law firm, should it lose. His order will be challenged in the Court of

Appeal.

If the Court of Appeal upholds Mr Justice Popplewell's decision Leigh Day & Co would be forced to drop the case. Other law firms would also be far less keen to undertake no win, no fee work, and insurance premiums would be unobtainable for this high-risk litigation.

£100,000 worth of cover for egal costs.

Instead of no-win work, the Bar is urging the Government to consider its own proposals for a Contingency Legal Aid Fund, a self-imancing scheme in which litigants put a slice of their winnings back into the

"The lawyers get paid an appropriate level of fee without any uplift," Mr Owen said. The whole basis of our scheme is that legal aid in its current form need not comin-ue. Instead the scheme becomes self-financing."
The key difference between

what we and the Government propose is: do we want to pay laweyrs more, or help each other to litigate?"

Lord Irvine has appeared to confirm that that civil legal aid will not be retained unaltered where "no win" work is

available He told MPs this week that that the Government would not tolerate "a state of affairs" in which the legal profession picked up the very strong cases which were highly likely to be won, together with a mark-up in fee and then left legal aid unchanged, so that the State got a high proportion of the losers and the profession got the lion's share of the

Man gets 11 years for • death plot

NEWS IN BRIEF

A Belfast man accused of murdering the INLA chief Gino Gallagher has been jailed for il years for plotting another killing. Jailing Charles Kevin Begley. 26. at Belfast Crown Court, Mr Justice Kerr said it was accepted he had nothing to do with the murder of Gallagher, who was shot at his local DSS office in January last year.

Begley pleaded guilty to conspiring to murder a persons unknown. The judge told him that people who engaged in such conspiracies must accept they would be dealt with severely.

Drunken killer

Gary Ross, 28, who pushed a teenager on to a railway line then went for a meal, was jailed for five years for man-slaughter by Inner London Crown Court. He was cleared of murdering Paul Simms, who had been celebrating his 18th birthday.

Fellow inmate

The family of Mona Henderson, 95, a stroke victim, have lodged a complaint that she was put in a bed opposite a handcuffed male prisoner in an emergency assessment ward at Dryburn Hospital. Co Durham. The hospital has to serve three prisons.

Trust plan fails

Plans to build more than 200 houses on a hillside owned by the National Trust have been turned down. Conwy council-lors rejected the scheme for Parciau Farm at Old Colwyn in Clwyd after receiving a 700name petition of opposition from local people.

Off the scent

Police are testing a spray for officers to aim at aggressive dogs. The Derbyshire force says that the mixture of natural oils is intended to confuse the animals but not injure them. Big dogs are often used by criminals to help them to resist arrest.

CORRECTION

Mohamed Al Fayed did not say (report, October 13) that the last words of Diana. Princess of Wales were imparted to him by a nurse. In fact he has never identified the individual concerned.



Mr and Mrs Mowatt and daughter Zenouska during a reconciliation last year

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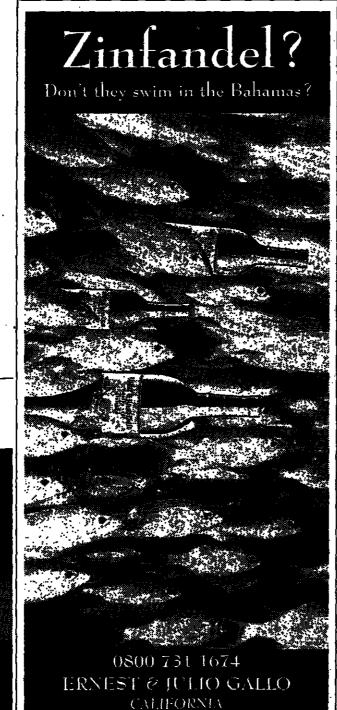
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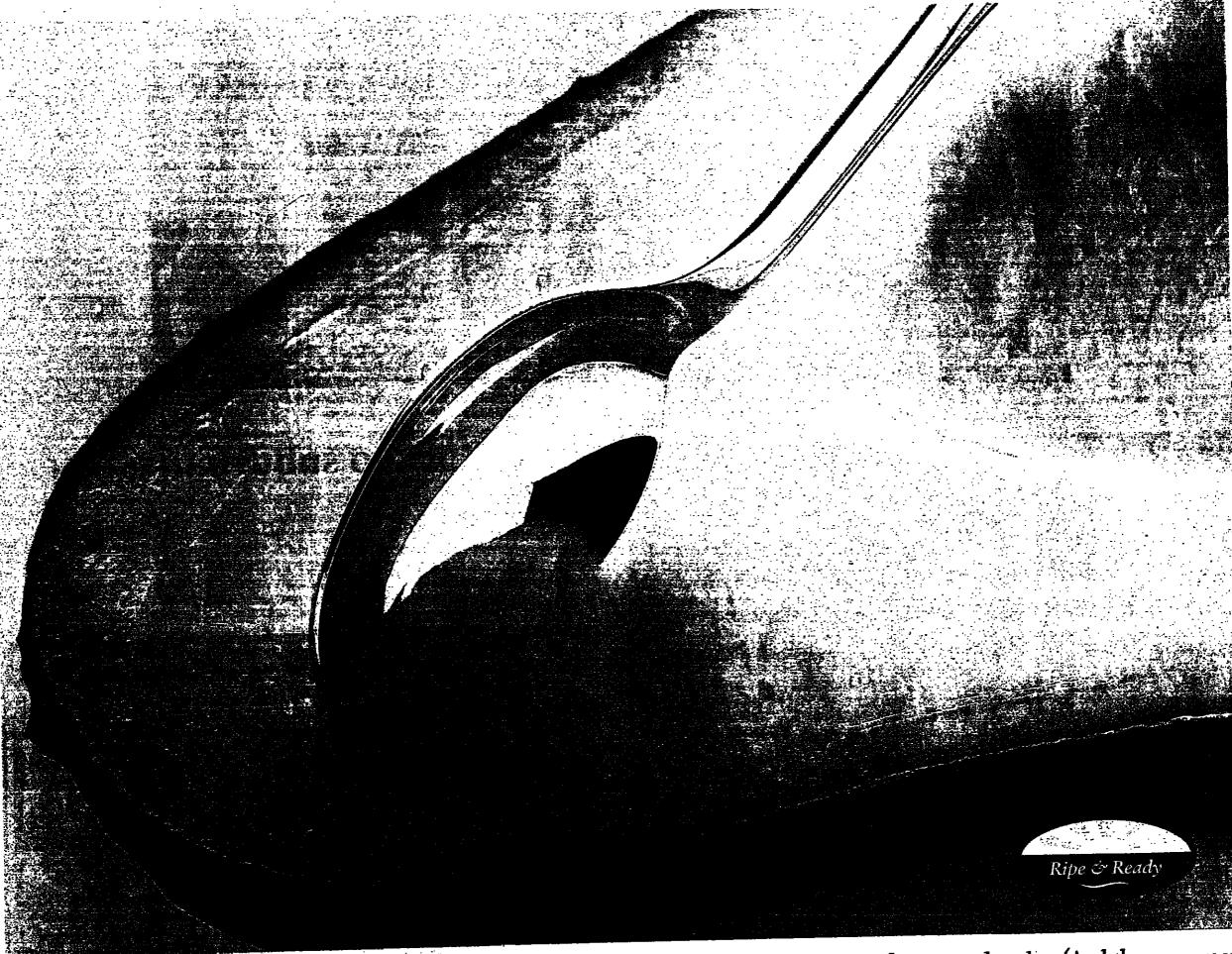
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Parliament site divides Scots Bishop hopes

The building must be ready by early 2000 and no decision has been taken.

Shirley English looks at the choices

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SCOTLAND'S new parlia-ment is still about 30 months away but the arguments have already started about where it should be. The apparent unity of last month's devolution referendum has evaporated in a debate over which of three Edinburgh sites should be chosen for the parliament

Politicians, civil servants. architects and developers are divided. The Government's promise of a prompt decision after the September 11 referendum has already been broken. With the estimated \$40 million cost rising with each offthe-record ministerial briefing. Donald Dewar, the Scotrish Secretary, is under pressure to make up his mind.

The timetable is tight. The

parliament sits in early 2000.

As each day passes, concern mounts that chosen, the building might not be ready in time. In July Mr Dewar announced that

the former Royal High School at Calton Hill. near Princes Street, was no longer suitable as a parliament "for the new millennium". The building was renovated for the purpose in the 1970s amid false expectations that home rule was imminent.

Since the summer the possible locations have been cut from 29 to three. Tomorrow Mr Dewar will hold talks with rival developers about the two most high-profile sites. Scotrish Office sources say his decision will then be made. possibly within days, and an architectural competition launched.

The three choices could not be more different. Two are in the city centre, next to shoos. restaurants and good public transport. Supporters claim would reflect Edinburgh's "historic status as a capital". The third is a wasteland site 15 minutes out of town in Leith docklands, near Edinburgh's red-light district. Of the two city locations,

Calton Hill has the broadest support, with all political parties. bar Lubour, backing it. until recently Eric Milligan. Edinburgh Development & Lord Provost of Edinburgh,

company, is promoting it and claims that the area will fall into decline if it loses.

The graceful Grade A listed buildings at Calton Hill, including the former Royal High School, would have to be renovated and extended. The most unlikely contender is Morrison Street car park

near Haymarket Station, Until this week it had no formal backers, but on Wednesday two developers. Kantel and MacDonald Orr, submitted last-minute plans for a new building inspired by the glass fronted Carre d'Art in Nimes. southern France. The developers candidly admit that Calton Hill is still their first choice, and their proposal is intended to stem the growing support for a new building at Leith and ensure the parlia-

Leith Waterfront however, is the rumouted lavourite of civil servants and the Scottish Secretary

proximity to the new Scottish Office headquarters at Victoria Quay. Forth Ports, its backer, claims that, alongside other waterfront developments, the parliament could become an attraction to "rival Sydney Harbour".

Although the docklands have enjoyed a recent revival. with warehouse flat conversions and new bars and cafés. Leith is scorned by critics as the middle of nowhere.

Architects have criticised the Scottish Office's opaque decision-making, arguing that it does not reflect the openness promised by the new parliament. City site supporters have accused civil servants of nudging the Scottish Secretary towards backing Leith for their convenience, a suspicion which prompted Donald Gorrie, Liberal Democrat MP for Edinburgh West, to declare that civil servants could "get stuffed".

Other city leaders claim that Leith is "about as accessible as a drainpipe". In reply Forth Ports says that its supportive councillors, including







Calton Hill. Edinburgh PROS: prime city-centre loca-Street. Traditional power base. Grade A-listed buildings, including the former Royal High School, converted in 1970s to house Scottish Parliament. Buildings owned by Scottish Office and Edin by Scottish Office and Edin-

burgh City Council. CONS: World Heritage Site, so limitations in how much buildings could be altered although regulators Historic Scotland understood to ap-prove. Renovations generally viewed more expensive than new build, at about £40 million. Scant possibility of grand-scale newly designed building, or expansion.

SITE 2

The Haymarket, Morrison Street carpark, Edinburgh PROS: owned by council. City-centre location with good rail and air transport links. Near Westend's burgeoning financial area and Edinburgh International Conference Centre. Would provide a blank space for a newly designed building, costing about £26 million.

CONS: immediate surrounding not particularly prestigious, overlooking rundown tenements and corner shops. Technical difficulties because there is a rail line beneath, which could make development more expensive. Only about 3.7 acres available, restricting future expansion.

SITE 3

Leith Waterfront, northside

of Edinburgh PROS: ten-acre wasteland by docks opposite new Scottish Office headquarters. Land has outline planning permission. which would speed up development. Up-and-coming area, with plans for Ocean Liner Terminal and hotels. Pockets of good restaurants and bars. Freedom to design new parliament and make waterfront attraction for about £30 million.

CONS: out-of-town location with dire transport links. Seedy reputation, with many rundown tenements and is the backdrop to much of Trainspotting. Irvine Welsh's novel about heroin addicts.

6 1997 to quit for a new life as politician

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE Bishop of Edinburgh, head of the Anglican Church in Scotland, has announced plans to leave the Church and stand for the Scottish parliament. The Most Rev Richard Hollo-way, 63, a Labour Party member, said yesterday that he had been thinking about entering politics for some

"It's not a question of me giving up the Church to do this — I was planning to retire in 2000 anyway," he said. "Really it's probably a bit of a pipe dream. The Labour Party might think I'm too antique, but I'd enjoy doing it because I've still got bags of energy. "We want this parliament

to be different and I am expecting that a number of non-politicos will throw their hats in the ring. I would think the murky world of the Church is possibly quite a good train-ing for the murky world of

Bishop Holloway said his had not been decision prompted by any serious questioning of his faith, although he did not believe people "should leave their minds outside when they enter church or political parties". The Church and politics could make a difference to society in "different ways" and both could "work for the good of humanity". If



Bishop Holloway: said plans were not definite

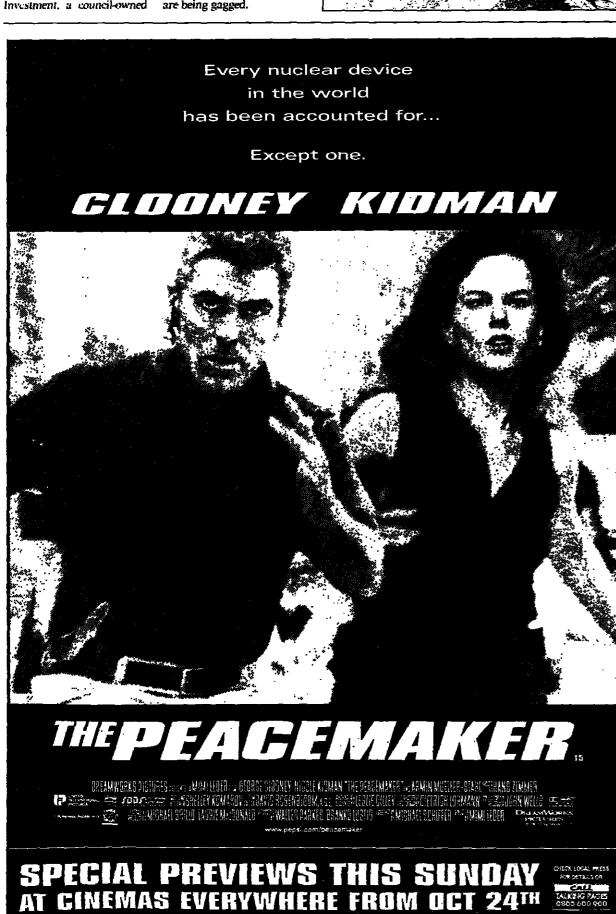
the Labour Party accepted him as a possible candidate when the lists open next year, he would be happy to leave the Church, but he added that no formal approaches had been made: "It is a gleam in my eye, rather than a definite plan at the moment." The bishop became Pri-

mus of the Scottish Episco-pal Church, sister body to the Church of England, in 1992 and could have held the post until the age of 70. His early retirement would coincide with the first year of the new parliament in 2000, although elections are to be held in 1999. If he was accepted as a prospective MSP, he will give the Church six months notice.

A former CND member, he is no stranger to controversy, and his outspoken views on everything from adultery and homosexuality to extramarital sex have frequently grabbed headlines. He once called the Bible sexist, saying its moral code was "time-conditioned, male-centred and patriarchal" and could not dictate how people live at the end of

the second millennium. Two years ago, he asked people to be more tolerant of adultery, saying God had given man "promiscuous genes". In his latest book, Dancing on the Edge, he says people who live together should be treated as married, and calls for alternative wedding vows to recognise such relationships. He urged people to vote Labour

Yesterday the Labour Party welcomed the bishop's interest, but said it had not yet established the mechanisms for drawing up the candidate list. The Rev Willam Ward, of the Episcopal Church in Arbroath. who is a leading critic of Bishop Holloway, said: This is exactly what I would expect him to do. It speaks volumes."



Birds flock to suburban gardens

helping to compensate for the dwindling supply of feeding and nesting habitats in the countryside (Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent, writes).

Six species visited gardens in record numbers last winter, and for the second year running suburban gardens attracted a greater variety of birds than rural ones. David Glue, a research officer with the previous year have we seen peak levels for so many garden birds, and up until two years ago gardens in rural areas always scored higher than those in suburbia."

The six species that set new records were: wood pigeons (seen in 54 per cent of gardens), sparrowhawks (50 per cent), jackdaws (48 per cent), great spotted woodpeckers (43 per cent), long-tailed tits

GARDENS are "bursting with birds" and British Trust for Ornithology, said: "In no (45 per cent) and goldfinches (42 per cent). The dozen most-seen birds, in descending order, are: blackbirds and blue tits. robins, chaffinches, greenfinches, great tits and dunnocks, starlings, house sparrows, collared doves, coal tits and magpies. The last-named have displaced song thrushes, which have been in worrying and not fully explained decline for some years.



Courts will get power to lock up young offenders young offenders

be given new powers to put young as 12 behind bars, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

The powers are aimed at child offenders who exploit the criminal justice system by continuing to commit crime while waiting to appear in court because they know it is dy. At the moment social services decide whether to keep suspects aged between 12 and 14 in secure accommo-

Legislation later this year in the planned Crime and Disorder Bill will pass this power to youth courts. Extra spaces will be found by halting plans to move 15 and 16-year-olds out of young offender institutions run by the Prison Service. Persistent young offenders will be defined as any young person who has been dealt with by the courts three times who commits another crime within three years of the last appearance.

Speaking at the launch of new guidance for the criminal justice system and the publication of a consultation paper, Mr Straw said it was crucial to deal with teenage criminals in the age range between 12 and 14. He said: "The system appears to be very soft in the short term but very nasty to

these kids in the long run." Mr Straw said persistent young criminals under 15 knew that, if they limited their crimes to low-level offences, as young as 12

are to be held before trial, writes

Stewart Tendler

they could continue to operate with impunity. He said it was important to deal with the offenders quickly and effectively if the anthorities were to have any chance of keeping them from a life of crime. He cited the case of a 13-year-old boy in Nottingham this week who had committed almost 200 crimes. He was arrested 58 times but was too young to be put into custody.

Unveiling a series of plans to improve the youth court tiem and accelerate ways of dealing with the hard core of persistent offenders. Mr Straw said that courts could be listed in national league tables to show how efficient they

He said league tables would show which youth courts were slow in trying juvenile offend-ers and which could cut bureaucracy and unnecessary legal delays. On average, courts were taking 412 months to deal with young offenders and in one area cases were taking up to eight months. Mr Straw said cases could often be dealt with in little more

were also considering intro-ducing "fines" for courts, lawyers, probation and police services for delaying cases. He said that the fines might involve penalties on budgets, but the real aim would be to shame the offending courts or services into better perform-

He said it was time "to end this very sloppy approach."

Defendants in cases were routinely remanded for three when courts had been told that they must set back cases for no more than two weeks. They waited for reports ready well-known to them. Backing the plans Paul Cavadino, chief officer of the

National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said: "Faster justice need not mean harsher justice. The sooner sentencing takes place the quicker constructive programmes of supervision tackling the cause of offending



Jean Coussins, of the Portman Group, said teenagers preferred alcopops

Teenagers double alcohol intake in past seven years

YOUNG tecnagers are drinking twice as much alcohol as they did in 1990, according to figures published yesterday. Tessa Jowell, the Vinister for Public Health, told a conference on tacking stiderage drinking that the satisfic was

Overall, the average muntber of units drunk in a week by II to 15-year-olds in Enghand has risen from 0.8 units 1990 to 1.8 units last year and in Scotland to 1.9 units the equivalent of nearly a pint of beer each week. A hard core of 5 per cent of boys and 3 per cent of girls of the same age are downing more than 15 units, or seven pints of beer, a week.

The survey, carried out by Department of Health officials, also shows that more and more young people are drinking alcohol on a weekly basis. The number of English Il to 15-year-olds who had drunk alcohol in the week before the survey had gone up from 21 to 27 per cent.

Figures for Scotland, covering the 12 to 15 age group. show an increase from 14 to 23 per cent. The survey into under-age

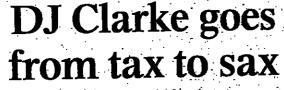
drinking, to be published in full later this month, stresses that the overwhelming majority of teenagers had drunk little or nothing in the previ-ous seven days. Many were

drinking only in moderation.

Ms Jowell told the conference in London: These figures ... further emphasise the need to make tackling alcohol misuse one of the Government's priorities.

Another report laid before the conference, organised by the drinks industry's watchdog, the Portman Group, showed that one in five teenagers named alcopops as favourite alcoholic their favourite alcoholic drink. However, evidence suggested that those choosing the drinks were more likely to be moderate drinkers rather than among the minority of teenagers drink-ing heavily. (PA News)





By Damian Whitworth

LIFE away from power is a whole range of music. The exposing Kenneth Clarke to earliest recording is from 1923 all sorts of new adventures... Last week in Blackpool the former Chancellor eschewed the Imperial Hotel for a bed and breakfast. This week he is

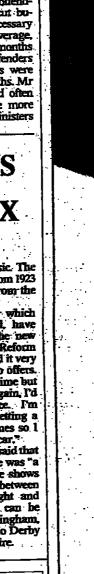
Mr Clarke make his debut at his local BBC station, Radio Nottingham, and he will be two hour Jazz Incorporated show, broadcast across the

A jazz buff, he will be heard playing records from his own collection, interspersed with blokeish banter. He said: 'Jazz is the only music I take enor saxophones, but I chose

earliest recording is from 1923 and the most recent from the

The two shows, for which he is not being paid, have been progrecorded. The new chairman of the Tory Reform much and I'm open to offers. I'm still very short of time but if I get asked to do it again. I'd tape of the programmes so 1 can play them in the car." A BBC spokesman said that

heard on Radio Nottingham.





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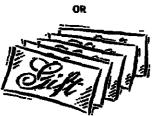
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Smith supports computer vision for libraries



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CHRIS SMITH, the Culture Secretary, yesterday gave the Government's support to a plan to transform Britain's public libraries by linking them into a nationwide computer network.

Speaking at the launch of a report by the Library and Information Commission, Mr Smith said that it was "a defining moment" for the library service: "The vision is an integrated grid linking libraries, schools and wernment, made possible by technoogical change. The Prime Minister has taken a personal interest and has asked me to report to him on the

prospects. We will seek to make a response early in the New Year."

Raising the necessary £70 million was beyond any single body, he said. Partnerships would be needed between local and national government and industry, with lottery money also a possibility: "We have to put together a package. I don't have £770 million in my back pocket, but the Government has committed £100 million to the National Grid for Learning, which is an earnest of good faith." The report, New Library: The Peo-

ple's Network, says the service's future depends on taking advantage of Evans, chairman of the

said: "The library is the perfect place for citizens to be given a window on the nation's resources. Whether you live in cities or deep rural areas, the library will bring you the world's literature, information and ideas.

The report argues that a UK-wide information network made available through libraries on the basis of a high-specification central core could do more to encourage the spread of information, knowledge, and commu nication technology skills among the population than any other measure the Government could introduce." People cared about their libraries, Mr Evans said, but there was less

evidence that politicians did. The library service had not been given the support and funding it needed to sustain itself. But now there was an opportunity to seize the moment. The Library Association's chief executive Ross Shimmon said that "the

public library service is in danger unless the proposals were adopted.

The report suggests that libraries should offer access to a wide range of information sources via the Internet. plus educational and commercial networks, video-conference facilities and digital archives, all in addition to the printed word. Mr Smith said: "New technology will complement but not replace the traditional role."

Publishers accused of rating hype above talent

Overrated few get all the attention,

top literary agent tells Dalya Alberge

A LEADING literary agent yesterday accused publishers of hyping minor books by a small circle of overrated authors to compete with similar ones by their rivals, while ignoring the literary talents of those who can really write.

Speaking to The Times at the Frankfurt Book Fair. Giles Gordon of Curtis Brown ~ whose authors include Fay Weldon, Vikram Seth and Sue Townsend - spoke of "the cult of Martin Amis, the cult of Julian Barnes, the cult of Jeanette Winterson, the cult of ian McEwen.

Those four all dominate the literary world. They have been the gangsters of literature in the last 20 years." They were closely followed by younger writers, "nearly all of the same age, with the same kind of taste, suits and hairstyles.

"I don't blame the writers. I blame the publishers who have hyped them. It's all a mafia." Publishers, he said, are unadventurous, only wanting to publish what everyone else was releasing. He was speaking out after being frustrated by publishers' reaction to a book which he describes as one of the most read in 20 years.

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O'Gaora, 31, an Irish writer with a narrative set in a village in Ireland, he said. It tells the story of a woman and her father who live off the land, with a smallholding growing potatoes, and who suffer a terrible harvest. Little happened, Mr Gordon said, but the author's loving descriptions of the countryside were as expansive and evocative as 19th-century classics and his characters had touches of Che-

khov and Virgil. "There's no plot. What's wrong with that?" he said: People read novels to enhance their own lives, to meet people in the fictional sense. In Colm's book, there is a love of characters in exactly the same way as with great writers such as Balzac and Dickens."

But, over the past few months, several publishers had turned it down, damning it as too quiet and rural. "It is a wonderful piece of writing," Mr Gordon said, "like a symphony or concerto that - a beautifully crafted work of art. You can't stop reading it."

A new novel has to shout to be noticed in an industry where around 100,000 books Competition is fierce. The name of the game was quantity of titles not quality, Mr

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It's all a mafia, says Giles Gordon, who has failed to find a publisher for a book he describes as wonderful

Gordon said. To be published these days, you have to be female, attractive and 23." The root of the problem, Mr. Gordon said, was that publishers did not know what they

wanted. Although they would not admit it, he said, fewer and fewer of them were editing, relying on agents to do it for them. He said that publishers had admitted to him: "If you're paying all that money for a book, why spend more editing it?" He added: "That's the culture, or lack of culture, today."

Jason Cowley, page 19 Books, pages 40, 41

Stout walking shoes advised

THE Frankfurt Book Fair opened yesterday with a record number of exhibitors. A total of 9,544 companies from 106 countries are spread across a series of halls spanning the equivalent of 27 football fields.

Numbers are swelled by those hawking books and, more usually, ideas for books. The editor of Kitty Kelley's controversial book on the Royal Family was approaching British publishers, asking them if they were "brave

More than 900 British publishers are at the fair. The Americans are strongly represented, as are the French, Italians and east Europeans. Germany has

It is no wonder that publishers, literary agents, rights people and booksellers sigh a lot at the very mention of Frankfurt. "Absolutely massive", they say, advising sensi-ble walking shoes and lamenting a city whose stand-still traffic makes London seem like a car-free zone.

But no one questions whether it is worth it. This is where deals are done and names are made on the international circuit, with every one hoping to discover the next Le Carré or Grisham.

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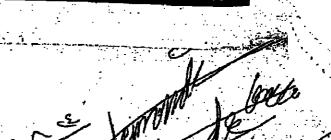
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CHANGING TIME



, Romania plans to open files of security police

THE Romanian Government is contemplating a dramatic move to mark the eighth anniversary of the death of Nicolae Ceausescu, the dictator — opening the files of the dreaded secret police, the Securitate.

Since one in three Romanians is believed to have collaborated with the Securitate during the Communist era, the effect on the country is likely to be devastating. The issue is splitting all the main coalition partners and there is apprehension throughout the litical class in the capital,

Even so, sources close to Victor Ciorbea, the Prime Minister, says he plans to give public access to the files within the next two months and allow Romanians, like the east Germans, to unravel the web of denunciation and spying that as spun round them.

The point is to make a clear break with the post-Commuregime of President

lliescu, defeated a year ago, who gained power in 1990 with the help of Securitate agents and who tolerated murky espionage techniques. tapping.

The compromising of the Swiss Ambassador last year he was having an affair with a Romanian journalist and alleged secret agent - demonstrated that, although the Securitate was officially abolished in 1990, its successor, the SRI, uses familiar methods against familiar targets.

About 60 per cent of the new secret service are former Securitate agents, and one of the most powerful men in the country for the past eight years has been the spy chief, Virgil Magureanu. He was a member of the small group that organised the execution of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu on Christmas Day 1989.

Naturally there is resistance from former Securitate agents to declassifying the files.

Central Bank, and others joined either the remodelled Communist Party or rightwing nationalist parties. They all have something to lose.

Now, however, the presidency is in the hands of the democrat, Emil Constan-tinescu, and the Government of Mr Ciorbea is a mixture of Christian and social democrats, peasants, liberals and

representatives of the Hun-

garian minority. They want to

demonstrate, ahead of Nato and European Union entry

negotiations, that Romania

private businesses; one be-

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has gained a new democratic self-confidence. But the critical question is whether the SRI has been destroying files. One incident in June 1990 became public, and suggests there is reason for suspicion. A truckload of files was buried clumsily in grounds. Villagers stumbled on the discarded archives and discovered reports about the Opposition, intercepted correspondence between writers, the minutes of a publishing house board meeting, transcripts which showed the

ded remains to be seen. At present, access to the files is regulated by a foggily phrased law which leaves the final decision to the head of the

Hungarian minority was still

a top target for agents, and evidence that Romanian spies

stirred up coal miners' pro-

tests. How many more files

The most radical reform proposals come from Ticu Dumitrescu, a senator, who wants a system akin to the Gauck authority in Berlin which ensures public access and at the same time wants leading politicians and civil servants to answer in court for any crimes exposed by the

A more limited scheme is likely to be introduced - and access will probably be confined to files collected before



Dr John Walker at his laboratory in Cambridge yesterday after the Nobel jury announced that he was joint winner of the chemistry prize

Cell chemistry wins Briton Nobel prize

SCIENCE EDITOR

A BRITISH scientist, Dr John Walker of the Medical Re-search Council's Molecular Biology Laboratory in Cambridge, was yesterday award-Chemistry for his studies of energy generation in cells.

He shares the prize with two others: Dr Paul Boyer of the University of California at Los Angeles, and Dr Jens Skou of Aarhus University, Denmark, both of whom have worked on the same problem. Dr Skou wins half the \$1 million (£600,000) prize, and Drs Walker and Boyer a quarter each.

The physics prize was also split between three scientists Steven Chu of Stanford University in California, William D. Phillips of the US National Institute of Standards and Technology in Maryland and Claude Cohen-Tannoudji of the College de



Paul Boyer, left, from America and Jens Skou. a Dane, who also worked on cell energy generation

worked on the use of lasers to cool and trap atoms.

Dr Walker won his share of the prize for studies of the enzymes involved in the production of adenosine triphosphate (ATP), which acts as a

Superieure of Paris. They all mitochondria inside cells. The energy is generated by pumping protons across the membrane that surrounds the mitochondrion, and Dr Walker has spent 15 years studying this "transmembrane pump"

using X-ray crystallography.

Northampton slaughterhouse and pulverised at his Cambridge laboratory so the constituents of the heart muscle can be separated out. The enzymes are crystallised and studied using an X-ray beam at Daresbury Laboratory in Cheshire.

The results have helped to confirm a model proposed by Dr Boyer for the formation of ATP from adenosine diphosphate and inorganic phosphate, the Nobel jury said. Dr Skou won his share of the prize for discovering an enzyme which maintains the balance of sodium and potassium ions in the cell.

Dr Walker, a senior scientist at the Cambridge laboratory from which several earlier Nobel prize-winners have come, was born in Halifax in 1941. He was educated at Raistrick Grammar School in West Yorkshire, and St Catherine's College, Oxford, where he was awarded his PhD in

was elected a fellow of the Royal Society two years ago. The physics prize, worth \$1 million and shared equally by the three winners, marks suc-

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tion of atoms. Normally atoms and molecules in gases cannot be studied because they move too swiftly, at up to 2,500mph. Normal cooling does not help, because then the gas condenses and ultimately solidifies. And even at temperatures a few degrees above absolute zero, the atoms are still mov-

ing at about 250mph.
The three winners have developed methods of using laser light to cool gases to temperatures of a few millionths of a degree above absolute zero, and of keeping the atoms trapped so that they can be studied. The new methods have contributed greatly to increasing our knowledge of the interplay between radiation and mat-

Plea by Yeltsin heads off Duma confrontation

vote of no confidence in the

between government officials and members of the Duma. the lower house of parliament, deputies voted to put off the motion until next Wednesday. The move came after Mr twice telephoned Gennadi Seleznov, the Com-

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"I appeal to the members of the State Duma not to oush for the resignation of the Government today," said Mr Yeltsin's message. "I do not want con"For the sake of calm in

Russia. I appeal to the 145 [Communist] deputies who initiated the no-confidence motion to remove this issue from today's agenda. I guarantee that the Government will draw conclusions from the criticism."



Bordeaux Maurice Papon on trial for deporting Jews to Nazi death camps during the Second World War, said yesterday that he did his utmost to save as many Jews as possible

Addressing the Bordeaux assize court. M Papon. 87. said: "I did my utmost to save the maximum [number of] members of the Jewish community, perhaps at the risk of my life."

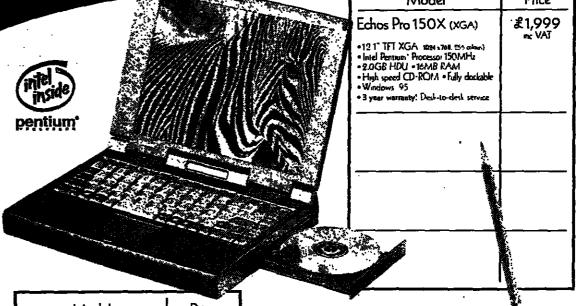
M Papon is accused of crimes against humanity for deporting more than 1.500 Jews to death camps when he was secretary-general at the Bordeaux prefecture during the war. "I risked deportation. arrest and perhaps my life when I scrubbed the names of 139 Jews from a list," he said. Speaking of the "catastrophic and unhappy lot of the Jewish community". M Papon said his "heart was torn by the

Nazi repression of the Jews". Earlier, the court rejected a defence request to drop the case. In its decision, the court noted that it had taken 16 years to prepare the "complex" case against M Papon and that both parties were equal in the eyes of the law.

The defence had argued that media coverage was biased and had jeopardised M Papon's chances for a fair and just trial.

M Papon is the highestranking official of France's collaborationist Vichy regime to stand trial for crimes against humanity. He is charged with ordering the deportation of 1,690 Jews. including 223 children. (AFP.





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Rome frescoes damaged as quakes spread

PANIC caused by the earthquakes that have shaken Umbria over the past three weeks reached Rome yesterday when it emerged that the latest powerful tremor had damaged the Baroque church of Sant' Andrea delle Fratte in the heart of the capital.

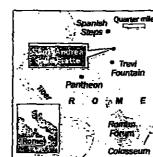
There were further aftershocks yesterday, and the continuing tremors dominat-ed all news bulletins, overshadowing the resolution of the political crisis facing the centre-left Government of Pro-

fessor Romano Prodi. Since the first double quake on September 26, which killed Il people and brought down frescoes by Cimabue and Giotto in the Basilica of St Francis at Assisi, there have been a series of tremors registering between four and five on the Richter scale.

In many cases structures undermined, but still stand-

ing, after the first earthquakes shocks during the night regishave been brought down by subsequent shocks. Thousands have been made homeless in the poor villages and towns of the Umbrian hills, and now face freezing tem-peratures and winter rains in tents or prefabricated shelters.

The latest earthquake, on Tuesday evening, registered 4.9 with its epicentre at Sellano, 20 miles from Assisi. It was followed by lesser



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tering between three and four. The earthquake caused no further damage at Assisi. where engineers had just used a giant crane to place a metal cage over the crumbling tympanum on the basilica, prethrough the roof and destroying medieval frescoes by

Cimabue and Lorenzetti.

But the tremor brought down the clock tower on the medieval town hall at Foligno. a few miles way. Maurizio Salari, the Mayor, said with tears in his eyes that the "symbol of the town" had fallen. Engineers spent yesterday salvaging the tower's two bells from the rubble. The sight of the falling tower — captured live on Italian television and shown repeatedly since - has Italians wondering whether the quakes will be followed by "the Big One". At Sant' An-



Pasquale Marini's 18th-century Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes fresco, cracked in the latest Italian quake

drea delle Fratte in Rome, Father Andrea Lia, the priest in charge, said that cracks had opened up both in the cupola and in an 18th-century fresco by Pasquale Marini. The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Another priest, who raised the

FAXING -

alarm, said that he had been reading in an upper floor of the adjoining friary when "the room began to shake and my chair moved across the room". The church, near the Spanish Steps, is a Baroque master-

piece. First built in the 12th

century, in what was then countryside on Rome's outskirts, it became the church of the Scots in Rome until the Reformation. It was rebuilt in the early 17th century by Giovani Guerra with a dome and campanile by Borromini. Be-

Sant' Angelo, but were considered too fine to be exposed to the elements. It also houses the Chapel of the Miraculous Madonna, commemorating the 1842 appearance of the Virgin Mary to a Jewish banker who became a Christian missionary

sides the Marini frescoes it

has two superb angels carved by Bernini, which were in-

tended to decorate the bridge

across the Tiber to the Castel

A number of palazzos and blocks of flats in Rome also

gero, the offices of which are close to the damaged church, said that it was becoming "difficult to remain calm". Santiago: An earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale rocked much of Chile and parts of neighbouring Argentina. It set off landslides and killed a family of five and three others when the walls of their homes collapsed. About 100 people were injured.

Several aftershocks hit the affected area, about 140 miles north of Santiago, for several hours yesterday. (AP)



The damaged vault at Sant' Andrea delle Fratte

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FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GÜNTER GRASS Germany's pre-eminent novelist, has pledged to campaign for a Social Democratic-Green coalition in an attempt to topple Helmut Kohl.

His aim is to mobilise likeminded German intellectuals before next year's elections and make them into an active, articulate lobby for change in the same way that writers and artists came out in support of Tony Blair in Britain.

Herr Grass, in interviews to mark his 70th birthday, made clear that his favourite to replace the Chancellor is Oskar Lafontaine, the Social Democrat chairman. He added that with the other Social Democratic contender, Gerhard Schröder, the Lower Saxony premier, "I would have more problems.

In 1961 the writer spoke at 52 rallies; in the 1969 campaign, enthused by Willy Brandt, he addressed about 200 for the Social Democrats. Politically Herr Grass best known abroad for his novel The Tin Drum - has become cautious since unification. His support then for an East-West German confederation, earned brickbats from Herr Kohl's supporters and embarrassed the Social Democrats.

Author to | Prodi calls Blair to make Cup peace

By RICHARD OWEN

ITALIAN officials yesterday moved to defuse the row over the policing of last Saturday's World Cup qualifying match, saying a "very friendly" telephone call between Tony Bair and Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, had "closed the enjoyde" closed the episode".

But Francesco Rutelli, the Mayor of Rome, fuelled the controversy by saying that allegations of police brutality were "absolutely false". Giorgio Napolitano, the Interior Minister, insisted that the police intervened "with great professionalism and sense of

duty" to uphold public order. A spokesman for Signor Prodi said the Prime Minister had invited Mr Blair to come to Italy to see a football match as part of the fence-mending. The two leaders had agreed that neither the hooliganism nor the police reaction "must be allowed in any way to damage the good relations between our two countries".

Luciano Nizzola, head of the Italian Football Associ-ation, said he was "aston-ished" Britain was still defending its hooligans. Mario Pescante, head of the Italian Olympic Committee, said: "It was only thanks to our police that a tragedy like

the one at the Heysel Sta in 1985 was avoided."

Colombo bomb injures Britons

Tourists fall victim to huge blast that bears hallmarks of Tamil Tiger guerrillas, Christopher Thomas writes

THE centre of Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, was shattered by a huge bomb blast yesterday, killing at least II people and injuring more than 150, including seven Britons. About 30 foreign tourists injured in the blast came mostly from Britain, Japan and France. The Colombo General Hospital said their injuries were mostly minor. and all but one of the Britons

were discharged yesterday.
Terrance de Silva, the hospital director, said their injuries were causeed by flying glass splinters. Others kept in hospital were four. pital were four French citizens and one each from America. Jordan and India.

The Tamil Tigers - who have been taking a severe beating in the jungles of northern Sri Lanka - denied responsibility, but the attack bears their hallmarks. The Tigers, waging a war for a homeland in the north, are

opposed to radical peace plans by the Government

The bombers shot dead tour security guards at the five-star. Galadari Horel and forced their way into the car park with a lorry bomb. They took refuge in Lake House, head-quarters of Sri Lanka's staterun newspapers, and intense gunfire echoed around the city. for hours. After a six-hour battle, army commandos threw grenades into the building and stormed it. The work-ers filed out, unharmed, as the sound of explosions and gunfire continued. Four suspected

The bomb left a crater 20ft deep, destroyed many cars' and smashed windows over a wide area. The car park was filled with rubble and twisted metal. The nearby World Trade Centre twin towers, officially opened by President

Tiger rebels died. A commando was also killed. sive hotels in the immediate area, is a playground of Sri Lanka's small, wealthy elite. Mrs Kumaratunga has often criticised the lifestyles of the rich while young soldiers. most of them from poor families, die in their thousands lighting the Tigers. Her Government had on Bandaranaike Kumaratunga October 2 unveiled a radical

power-sharing plan aimed at ending the strife that has claimed more than 50,000 lives in the past 25 years. The Government had propused devolving powers to the regions; the north and east of the island, where most Tamils live, would run most of their own affairs with guarantees of non-interference from Colombo. The plan has not received endorsement from the main Opposition, and the Government remains short of the two thirds parliamentary majority to amend the Constitution. President Kumaratunga

three days earlier, had many

A colonial building opposite

the Galadari, once the parlia-

ment and now the presidential

secretariat, had its windows

Colombo was still being re-

built after a huge explosion in

The bomb went off at 7am;

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of the windows smashed.

condemned the bombing but said she would press ahead with plans to find a political solution to end the ethnic war. We will not be disturbed from our commitment to bring



An injured tourist at the General Hospital. The bomb went off at a five-star hotel

Rescue workers carry a victim from the bomb site Body of shot Cambodian general shows he was tortured

FROM CAROLINE GLUCK IN DAMNAK SMACH, CAMBODIA

CAMBODIA'S Under-Secretary of State for Defence was tortured

Major-General Kruoch Youem's body was identified yesterday after being exhumed by human rights and his legs fied together. Two

capital. Phnom Penh. A second grave was thought to contain the remains of General Chao Sambath. Both men were loyal to Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the First Prime Minister ousted in the coup.

They were among up to 40 royalist officials killed in custody after the coup. General Kruoch Youem was found with both his hands out off

senior member of Prince Ranar-iddh's military intelligence unit. The two men are the most senior military officials to have been found dead after the coup in which Hun Sen, then Cambodia's Second Prime

Minister, seized power. General Kruoch Yopem's distraught widow, Heng Sopheay, who identified the body, said: "I want the killer to be brought to justice. If my

justice and send him to jail? Instead they bring him here to kill him in the jungle. This is not justice."

Local witnesses said the two officers and 27 soldiers were captured in July by men from a paratroop commando regiment. The soldiers were taken to a local school and interrogated; the two generals were taken to a nearby field. Seven shots were reportedly fired.

General Chao Sambath was a wrong why didn't they bring him to the body for cremation to a pagoda

detained the general's widow along with human rights workers and

The Hun Sen Government has said it accepts a report by the United Nations human rights centre in Cambodia that more than 40 royalist officials were killed in custody after the coup. Yet six weeks after the Government promised a full investi-

yet to be convened.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Kidnapper told to pay \$21m damages

Baraboo, Wisconsin: Joseph Clark. 19. convicted of abducting Thadius Phillips. 13, breaking his legs and locking him in a cupboard for days, was ordered to pay \$21 million (£13). million) in damages to his victim. Although Clark is penniless and serving a 40-year sentence, he may make money from the case. Judge Virginia Wolfe said: "Given the sensitional nature of this case, it is entirely possible that the defendant could reap some financial gain, through media coverage in the future." Clark is also to stand trial over the death of Christian Steiner, 14, whose legs were broken. (AP)

Swiss freeze Bhutto assets

Geneva: Switzerland blocked £8.5 million in bank accounts of Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistan Prime Minister. Asif Ali Zardari, her husband, and Nusrat, her mother, and an official said other assets might be frozen. The Swiss Federal Police Office said it was acting on a request by Pakistan. Miss Bhutto was sacked as Prime Minister last November on disputed charges of corruption and misrule. Her husband is in jail facing criminal charges. (Reuters)

Police killings 'a mistake'



Archbishop Desmond Tutu listening yesterday to Adriaan Vlok, the former Law and Order Minister, at a Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearing in Johannesbury as he denied that the apartheid Government authorised killings and torture to repress the black liberation movement. Mr Vlok said illegal activities were police misinterpreting policy. "No member of the police had licence to act illegally. We used terminology capable of misunderstanding." (AP)

Briton jailed in terror trial

Hackstep, Egypt: Akram Sharief, a British citizen, was one of 53 people jailed by a military court here for planning assassinations, bombings and other subversive acts. Three other Muslim militants were sentenced to death. Sharief, sentenced to ten years, had been charged with collecting funds abroad for the militants. (AP)

Turkish prisoner tortured

Strasbourg: For the first time, Turkey has admitted to the European Court of Human Rights the use of torture, saying its police had tortured a suspected thief. The Turkish Government informed the court in Strasbourg that it had agreed to pay the 49-year-old victim nearly £10,000. The court accepted the settlement and dropped the case. (AFP)

Forest fires pose gas risk

London: The forest fires raging in Indonesia, which have also set alight peat bogs, could release as much as one billion tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere over the next six months (Nick Nuttall writes). This is more than Europe's entire annual carbon emissions from cars and power.

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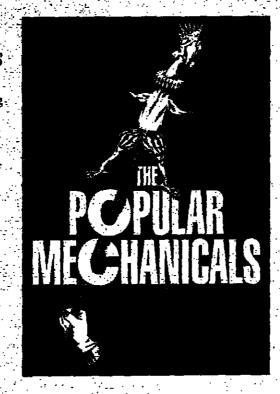
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Summit to build on trade rise

By MICHAEL BINYON

COMMONWEALTH trade now constitutes 20 per cent of global trade and is growing, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, said yesterday. Investment in Com-

monwealth countries is rising.

In a report to be presented to the 54 Commonwealth heads of government at their Edinburgh summit on October 24. Chief Anyaoku said the growing trade links were making countries reassess the value of Commonwealth membership and look at ways of building on these links.

But he said special measures were still needed to help the poorest countries adjust to the new global environment. The Commonwealth will hold a business forum in London for two days before the summit, at which Chief Anyaoku said measures to boost Commonwealth trade, investment and co-operation would be identified.

the summit would look also at how the Harare principles on good government and democracy could be strengthened and enforced. A ministerial task force will report on the three countries with military Governments — The Gambia. Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The heads are likely to continue suspension of the last two.

London Jew sues Swiss over death of parents

FROM PETER CAPELLA

A BRITISH man has lodged an unprecedented claim for damages from the Swiss Government to compensate for the death of his parents, Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecution who were turned backfrom Switzerland in 1942 and later died in Auschwitz.

Charles Sonabend, 67, a

London businessman, is demanding SwFr100,000 (£44,000) from the Swiss authorities under the "Law of Responsibility", which allows individuals to make liability claims against public officials. It is the first time anyone has taken legal action in

has taken legal action in Switzerland because of the country's wartime policy. In 1942 the Swiss authorities closed the door on Jewish refugees, leaving many of the 30,000 people it turned back to face Nazi death camps.

The leavant could promet

The lawsuit could prompt more individual claims from relatives of Holocaust victims, adding a new dimension to the pressure on Switzerland to account for its dealings with



Mr Sonabend, claiming liability by Swiss officials

Nazi Germany. The Swiss cabinet, the Federal Council, which rules directly on cases of political responsibility, is expected to deliver a vertict on Mr Sonabend's case before the end of the year.

Marc Richter, a Zurichbased lawyer acting for Mr Sonabend, said he would use his right of appeal to the Supreme Court if the claim was rejected. However, he acknowledged that several le-

gal hurdles still had to be cleared.

Mr Richter said formal apologies for Switzerland's wartime refugee policy, made in 1995 and earlier this year, had opened the way for legal action. "Until now, anyone would have said there was no way you could win such a case here." Mr Richter said.

Switzerland started this month to make goodwill payments to elderly Holocaust

million (£118 million) special fund but they are not related to specific cases or necessarily linked to Switzerland. The compensation sought by Mr Sonabend, SwFr50,000 for each of his parents, is the maximum allowed under a lixed scale for personal injury and death.

His family's fate is well

His family's fate is well documented, mainly by Swiss historians. Mr Sonabend, his sister and parents were arrested in a small town near the border on August 14, 1942 after they had fled from Belgium, and were later expelled to Nazi-occupied France.

Simon Sonabend, the

Simon Sonabend, the father, sold Swiss watches in Brussels before the war and made frequent trips to Switzerland. The Swiss Watchnakers Federation supported his family's asylum claim and offered financial guarantees but to little effect.

The day before they arrived in northern Switzerland, Heinrich Rothmund, the federal police chief, ordered border guards to turn back new leavish refugees.



Charles Sonabend with his parents and sister Sabine, who survived

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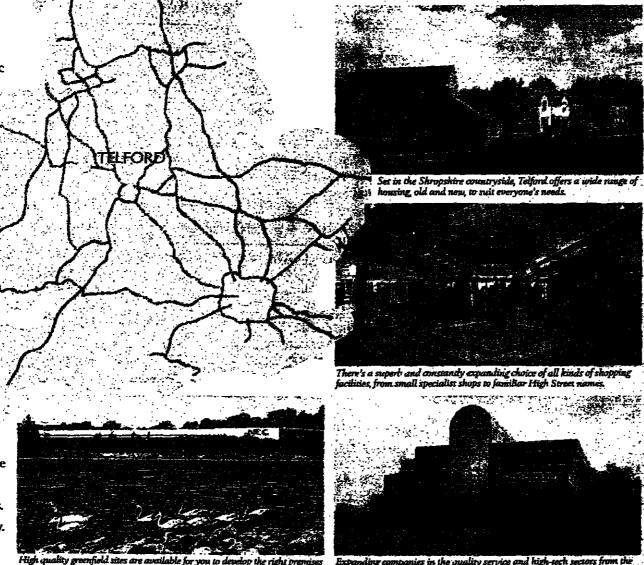
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Fears of Arab backlash over killer's release

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ARAB-ISRAELI tension rose yesterday after a surprise armouncement that Israel was to free a Jewish American gunman who in 1982 killed one Palestinian worshipper and wounded 30 others near al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, the third holiest Islamic shrine.

Alan Goodman, 53, went on a rampage on Easter Sunday 15 years ago, opening fire indiscriminately at Muslims at prayer. He claimed he was trying to return the Temple Mount to Jews, for whom the site is also holy.

His attack ignited weeks of Palestinian unrest in which four Arabs were killed. Last night, Arab sources expressed fears that similar anger could erupt over the decision to cut eight years off his 24-year sentence after the killer agreed to leave Israel and live in the United States for the remaining years of his term. He was orignally sentenced to life plus 20 years for murder and attempted murder. This was later cut to 24 years.

Palestinian officials questioned the wisdom of the decision in the light of Goodman's subsequent refusal to show any remorse. In Muslim eyes he has been demonised

just as Baruch Goldstein, the US-born Jewish settler who killed 29 Palestinians praying at the disputed Cave of Machpela in Hebron in 1994.

In the same year Goodman told Maariv newspaper that he was not sorry for the shootings. He said: "I do not regret it. Why should I be sorry, I didn't kill Jews, right?" Goodman, like Goldstein — who was killed by some of his intended victims — became a hero among extremist Jews.

The Prison Authority said yesterday: "He came up for parole after serving two-thirds of his sentence. The board offered to release him if he agreed to sepnd the next eight years outside of Israel ... This is not a deportation, it is an agreement."

In Palestinian circles, his release was seen as a bid by the right-wing Government of Binyamin Netanyahu to mollify the Jewish right-wing infuriated by the release of 70 Palestinian prisoners and Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas. They were freed as the price for getting back two Mossad agents who were arrested in Jordan after a hungled assassination atternet.

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. Seats empty as Major lectures on 'success'

TO THE tootle of a brass band, John Major has attempted the feat of launching himself as both a global statesman and a celebrity motivon the lucrative American public-speaking circuit. His debut was not a crowd-puller on either count.

In his first high-profile foreign speech since losing office, the MP for Huntington addressed an emptying 14,000seat sports arena in Denver and confessed he was not sure what my predecessors He spoke of Pitt the

Younger's fondness for port as an antidote to stress, and declared: "I know exactly how he felt." He held forth on Chinese economic growth and on the unwrapping of the Russian enigma. He even heaped praise on the Rolling Stones' latest concert tour.

But the speech will remembered longer for its time and place than for its content. Five months after leading the Conservatives to the worst British election defeat since 1906. Mr Major



The MP for Huntingdon proves a crowd-disperser on the US public speaking circuit, Giles Whittell finds in Denver

comeback at an enormous self-realisation seminar entitled "Success '97".

The venue was the home of the deeply unsuccessful Den-ver Nuggers, a basketball team that lost 61 of its 82 games last year. Seats ranged in price from \$49 (£30) to \$225. but by the time the former Prime Minister spoke, sandwiched between an "anti-diet" guru and å bewhiskered marketing entrepreneur who vowed "I'm here to make you money", neary two thirds of those seats were empty.

Parts of the 25-minute talk were meant for a different audience anyway. For his landslide defeat in May, Mr Major offered a near explanation. "It was emphatically not 'the economy stupid'." he said. borrowing a phrase from the 1992 US presidential election.

Sharing a stage in Denver to speak on the theme of "success" - John Major,

Barbara Bush, former First Lady, and Christopher Reeve, the paralysed actor

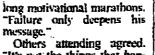
"Britain's was the bestperforming, most competitive economy in Europe." He called close British ties

to Europe a mere "geographical necessity" next to the "relationship of the heart" between Britain and America. Mr Major then returned obediently to the subject of success. Achieving it depended on hard work courage, good fortune "and quite possibly seminars like this", he said. He bravely reminded the organiser that he had, in fact. known more failure than success in 1997, though he need not have bothered.

Denver's McNicholis Arena was an irony-free zone. "To be Prime Minister is a tremendous accomplishment," said Peter Lowe, who pays former world leaders from \$30,000 to \$60,000 to appear at his day-

> Mr Major appeared untroubled. "Do I look crushed?" he asked in the green room afterwards. The question had been about the election, but the answer was "no" anyway. Instead, he has enjoyed visiting the Rockies, fraternising backstage with the Rolling Stones and going to opera and theatre

able over the last few years to say all this guy's interested in is politics, football, cricket and rugby," he said. "But there are a lot more interests in my life. and I shall pursue them with my extra leisure."



It's not the things that happen to you, it's how you deal with them that makes you successful," said Angi Runyon, a sales executive in a \$225 seat paid for by her company. Another added pithily: "I saw more spunk in him here than on the floor of Parliament."

Few audience members said that they would have come just to hear Mr Major, how ever, and some admitted they did not know who he was. The main attractions were Henry Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State, who gave a warning that all English accents were taked to intimidate Americans: Barbara Bush, the former First Lady, who was rapturously greeted over the Beach Boys Ler's Go Surfin Now, and Christopher Reeve the paralysed actor, who has become a regular at such events in his pursuit of funds for spinal injury research.

All three spoke to full houses. By Mr Major's turn the audience were making for their cars to avoid being stuck in traffic, one of Mr Lowe's publicists explained.

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By NIGEL HAWKEN SCILNCE EDITOR

THE Saturn-bound spacecraft Cassini was successfully launched on its sevenyear odyssey yesterday. The second attempt to launch the spacecraft, described as the last of the great interplanetary probes, went faultiessly High winds and technical hitches had prevented the launch on Monday. Scientists and engineers cheered and embraced when Cassini left Earth's orbit 40 minutes after lift-off and streaked at nearly 25,000 mph towards Venus and ultimately Saturn. "It's beautiful," said Charles Kohlhase, Cassini's science and mission design manager. "We've waited a long time for this." Cassini carries several plutonjum-powered genera-

depths of space. Environentalists had given a warning that the 72lb of plutonium might escape in the event of the rocket failing, but officials from the US space agency, Nasa. sisted that it would be safe

tors to keep it alive in the

because of the many precautions taken. "We're all very excited. We knew there wouldn't be a problem," said the Energy Cook, who is in charge of Cassini's nuclear load. But we were prepared — it's designed for accidents.

There wasn't going to be a safety problem," Cassin's \$3.4 billion (£2.1 billion) mission will not begin to proreaches Saturn in 2004. The route involves close passes with Venus (twice). Farth and Juniter, When it passes within 500 miles of Éarth in 1999, anti-Cassini campaigners can be expected to make their voices heard again, but Dr Cook

said there is a less than one-

in one million chance that

the probe would re-enter

- Earth's atmosphere.



A Titan AB rocket lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the Saturn-bound Cassini craft

Law puts paid to the din of New Yorkers

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

ONE of the most noisy, clamorous, screeching, strident. ear-splitting cities on earth is about to become a little bit quieter. Sick of the daily cacuphony that assaults New Yorkers, the city council has voted to introduce swingeing

new fines for noise-makers. By the end of this month, the owners of drills, radios, cars, air conditioners, barking dogs, motorcycles and boom-ing bars will all make a nuisance of themselves at their own financial peril.

By 44 votes to four, the council has decided to double existing fines for second-time offenders, and to treble the fines for those who think that rwice is not enough.

"New York City is never going to be a sleepy town where you hear the crickets chirping." said a councillor, Gifford Miller, who introduced the anti-noise Bill and help to draft it with the Department of Environmental Protection. "But I think we can make it a little quieter, a

Under the new regime, the owner of a noisy dog could be fined up to \$525 (£325) for failing to silence the animal. Playing a stereo system too loudly could cost up to \$1,050; unlawful use of a car horn could cost an offender \$2.625. A car alarm which does not stop blaring within three minuses could cost the vehicle's owner up to \$2,100.

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Bars and discos have the most to fear from the new punishment. A third offence by a noisy bar will result in a whopping \$24,000 fine. This is designed to out-manoeuvre those commercial establishments which "factor in" the present flat-rate fine of \$8,000 as a cost of doing business. Not surprisingly, the new

fines have been criticised by the New York Nightlife Association, a coalition of about 50 licensed cabaret and music clubs. Robert Bookman, their lawyer, said: "There has to be a certain amount of tolerance to industries which are impor-

Clinton dances to rhythm of Rio's slums

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI

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PRESIDENT CLINTON rolled up his shirt sleeves and abandoned protocol to get a taste of Brazilian street culture during a five-hour visit to Rio de Janeiro

He played football with the football

tunes played by children in one of the slums. Hundreds of Brazilian troops. US agents and sharpshooters stanioned on dozens of hillsides watched cautiously as Mr Clinton and the First Lady toured a sporting complex built for deprived children beside the Mangueira shanty town, where repore than 100,000 people live in makes in mines.

being crime-ridden because they are controlled by gun-carrying drug gangs who hide their illegal trade in the shacks perched on steep hillsides. This is where the city's poor population of more than

Police raided the Mangueira Javela before the Clintons' visit confiscating several dozen machineguns and hand

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Why the men are now tested first for infertility

complained of infertility, it was the woman who was expected to undergo
 battery of uncomfortable medical tests, and only when no cause for infertility was found was the man then investigated

The situation is now reversed. In the best fertility centres it is the man who is examined first, and the woman is therefore allowed to avoid invasive investigations which were frequently

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared that in at least 43 per cent of infertility cases the cause is likely to stem from a fault in the male reproductive system. In 25 per cent of cases this infertility can be directly related to abnormalities in the semen, or the sperm. Sperm must not only be present in the semen in the correct numbers but must be able to penetrate cervical mucus and the ovum. The correct proportion of the sperm must be of normal appearance and there should be at least 2ccs of semen, that is to say about the amount of fluid which will fill half a large

Dr D I Lewis-Jones and Mr M R Gazvani of the Liverpool Woman's Hospital have recently reviewed the causes of male infertility in the British Journal of Hospital Medicine. Previously it was sometimes possible to diagnose the trouble which caused it, but only occasionally could anything be done to alleviate it. Traditionally the male patient who had a poor sperm count has been advised to wear loose clothing, in particular to throw away tight-litting pants and



have a hot bath before sex and to take plenty of zinc, vitamin C and vitamin E. All these measures are doubtless useful but the number of children who actually owe their exis-tence to them is unknown, and doctors have recently suggested that it is likely to

be very small. There were great hopes that in vitro fertilisation (IVF), might have revolutionised the treatment of infertility when it was the result of poor quality semen, but this did not happen. However, in the past five years intracytoplasmic

injection. the injection of a single sperm into an ovum, has proved highly successful. In fact the very success of this procedure has caused some anxiety as it is feared that the reasons for the father's infertility may now be being passed on to future generations. Sperm for intracytoplasmic injection may ei-

Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on why the infertility spotlight has fallen on the man, the mystery surrounding the death of Dylan Thomas; coeliac disease, pasta and children, and the relationship between Hodgkin's disease and tonsilectomy

ther be taken from the semen. if any are present there, or from a testicular biopsy.

When a man is investigated in order to determine whether he is responsible for infertility, his past medical and occupational history is of great importance. Those jobs in which

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the man is subjected to excessive heat, radiation or contact with possibly harmful chemicals, may reduce the sperm count, as can excessive smoking, drinking and an indulgence in illicit drugs. The sperm count can also be affected by many drugs ob-tained on a doctor's

prescription. These include steroids, some treatments for indigestion, many of the drugs prescribed to treat high blood pressure, and others which are used to treat chronic inflammatory conditions and liver failure.

When discussing a patient's past medical history a doctor is not only interested in such

obvious causes of infertility as swollen testes accompanying mumps, mal descended testes or certainly the scrotum, but also a wide variety of diseases ranging from cystic fibrosis. and chronic chest disease to sinusitis. Although women are well aware that venereal infec tions such a gonorrhoea and chlamydia may cause pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility, men are less ready to admit that the same organ-isms can result in their

Therefore before venturing into the realms of IVF, micro-assisted fertilisation and intracytoplasmic sperm injection, it is important to clear up any lingering infection in the male genital tract. They should also have any obvious physical deficiencies surgically remedied. But long courses of hormone therapy are likely to prove disappointing.

Many thanks to readers who have sent me good wishes. I am out of hospital and am feeling remarkably well.



Dylan and Caitlin Thomas at Laugharne: A new book suggests he may have died after going into diabetic coma

DYLAN THOMAS died while on a lecture tour in America. A recent book suggests that his death was caused by diabetic coma, which his doctor had not spotted, not alcohol poisoning as is usually assumed. The author also implies Thomas's end may have been precipitated by the doctor's prescription, rather than any over-dispensing of alcohol by a barman.

Thomas had been advised to take steroids, presumably to treat chronic liver disease, and amphetemines, per-haps as a substitute for alcohol. The BBC illustrated a debate about the new book with a picture of Thomas standing by a bar, with a door labelled Gents immediately behind him. Whoever chose the picture has thus kept diagnostic options open; the poet's tragically early death either followed a barside binge, or his proximity to the loo could have been a sign of diabetes.

Older people, who most often suffer from non-insulin-dependent diabetes. usually first notice an increase in the frequency of urination, excessive thirst, weight loss and tiredness. Often, they are, like Thomas, overweight and, as in his case, the obesity can be ascribed to heavy drinking. Such diabetes is some-times detected by chance at a routine medical examination, or uncovered when the patients have developed the complications associated with it coronary heart disease, peripheral vascular disease, chronic kidney troubles.

Did drink kill Dylan Thomas?

Conversely, patients who are insulindependent are usually younger and often thin and athletic. In insulindependent diabetes, an acute disease, coma is a very real threat, but less so for those with the non-insulin-dependent

Those suffering from the latter occasionally do go into non-ketotic hyperglycaemic-hyperosmolar coma (NKHHC). This has a 50 per cent mortality rate; if Thomas did suffer from this type of coma, he would, given his

condition, have been unlikely to recover. Alcoholics who indulge in binge drinking may also suffer from alcoholic ketoacidosis, an even rarer cause of a raised blood sugar in a heavy drinker. Thomas's drinking pattern would have made him a possible candidate for this condition; sufferers characteristically enjoy wild orgies of drinking. But one day, after the binge, and indeed after they have sobered up, they suddenly develop severe abdominal pain and gutwrenching vomiting, and collapse. Bio-

chemical blood tests reveal their blood sugar level has been raised - as was the

Alcoholic ketoacidosis is treated achieved by correcting the body acid/base balance and providing nutrients and fluids. Insulin is not needed. Many of these patients already have chronic pancreatitis but usually make a complete recovery.

In Thomas's case there is every reason to suppose that both the reasons advanced for his death are correct. Evidence suggests that he was a heavy drinker, was obese and might well have suffered from non-insulin-dependent diabetes. His alcohol consumption could well have both contributed to his final illness. If he was diabetic, and if he did go into coma, it could well have been caused by NKHHC. Or it is just possible that, in his case, the discovery of raised blood sugar was not related to diabetes but to alcoholic ketoacidosis, in which case the major premise of the new book would be unfounded.

A word of warning. The jolly Welsh publican who was saying on television that Thomas could not have died of alcohol poisoning because he drank only beer to excess was too optimistic. Different drinks have different healthgiving qualities when drunk in moderation, but the serious consequences of excessive drinking are related to the amount of alcohol taken, not to the type



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Does eating spaghetti lead to skinny children?

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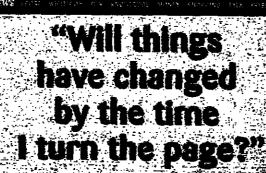
CHILDREN'S doctors have been puzzled as to why the incidence of coeliac disease is declining in British, but not It-alian, children. The disease is caused by sensitivity to gluten, which is found in wheat and other cereals. It leads to poor absorption of food, and in children causes diarrhoea, abdominal pain and bloating, a failure to thrive, recurrent

infections and anaemia. Research has confirmed that the reason for the differish children is that in Britain women are likely to breastfeed longer, and that when they do wean their children, are less likely to give them gluten-rich foods. Many British baby foods are based on rice, rather than wheat.

It seems that the love of Italian pasta may sometimes be the cause of skinny babies, as well as being often responsible for overweight parents and grandparents.

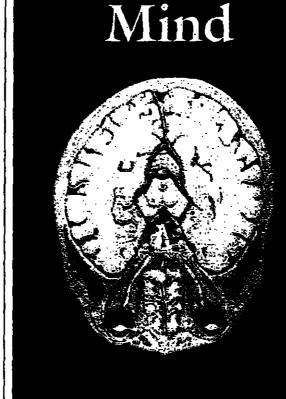
HODGKIN'S DISEASE AND TONSILS

ONE of the last patients I diagnosed before I went into bospital a fortnight ago had Hodgkin's disease, which is often described as cancer of the lymph glands. The patient, a 30-year-old banker, was typical of someone with Hodgkin's disease for this disease peaks twice. The first peak occurs between the ages of 15 and 35, the second, after 60. My patient had swollen lymph glands in her neck and chest. Treatment will be straightforward and she has a more than 90 per cent chance of making a full recovery. The journal GP reports that the disease is four times more common in people who had a tonsilectomy when they were young. This may not be a result of the surgery, but may be related to what prompted the operation.



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My baby, bankruptcy and Baldwin

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Four years after filing for bankruptcy, Kim Basinger is back with a baby and a strong performance in a new film. Interview by David Eimer

thing, even it it's wrong." laughs Kim Basinger. "She meant just get busy, don't just stand there." It's a philosophy that Basinger took to beart. She has eart. She has spent her life proving that she's not one to sit back and just wait for things to happen. After achieving everything she thought she could as a model in New York, she packed up her Jeep and drove to Los Angeles. When her fledgeling acting career threatened to grind to a halt, she jump-started it by posing for Playboy. She took on one of the controversial female roles of the 1980s in 912 Weeks, and when she met her future husband, the actor Alec Baldwin, on the set of The Marrying Man in 1990, she conducted a passionate and very public relationship with him. All of which indicates that, if nothing else, Basinger doesn't lack confidence. Now, three years after she last appeared on screen, in the fashion industry satire Pret-d-Porter, she's back in LA Confidential, her first film since she gave birth to her daughter,

Few actresses can get away with taking such an extended break from Hollywood, but Basinger has returned to give one of the strongest performances of her career. As Lynn Bracken, an upmarket hooker who gets embroiled in a multiple murder investigation in 1950s LA, she's still beautiful but it's the economy and precision of her acting that is more impressive. Infusing Bracken with a world-weariness and an intuitive intelligence, Basinger more than holds her own with a cast that includes Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and Russell Crowe.

When working on LA Confidential her character's look was inspired by 1940s screen siren Veronica Lake an actress whose hairstyle had the same effect on women at the time as Jennifer Aniston's during the early episodes of Friends. "She was an incredibly talented actress whose the years she was on screen. because her hairdo was more

famous than her abilities."

It is not surprising that she feels some empathy with Lake. As a former model Basinger has always suffered the prejudice and envy that the very beautiful attract, and while there's no doubt that her looks got her career going Basinger has always taken acting seri-

LA Confidential vividly recalls the LA of the 1950s, an era that Basinger associates with her childhood and particularly her father, who still lives in Georgia with her mother. "We'd watch these old movies. He was so in love with the movies. He was a great musician - he played in the big-

> I needed a film and Playboy did what I thought it. would do

band era and I think he's always loved show business," she says fondly. Basinger admits that her career was partially motivated by a desire to please her father.

That wasn't the case with her mother, an ex-model who was still working into her forties. Basinger is much closer to her father and didn't even tell her mother when she posted for the February 1983 issue of Playboy. At the time. Basinger had already made her movie debut in 1981's Hard Country but was still struggling to establish herself. "I don't have any regrets. There are several things I'd do differently, but at that time in my life I made the best choice I could. I remember struggling with the choice because I am in no way an exhibitionist. I am not comfortable running

around in the nude." if this sounds a little odd coming from the star of 94 like a lot of people in Holly-wood, that Basinger has a

selective memory. She's honest enough, though, not to disguise her motives for the Playboy shoot. "I needed a film and it did exactly what I thought it would do - it made a lot of noise and I got calls off the wall to do films. In fact I think it had something to do with me getting The Man Who Loved Women." It was the first movie in which Basinger, starring opposite Burt Reynolds, had a chance to show that she could be funny, and although subsequent comedies were less successful, she's still an

underrated comic actress.

Basinger isn't saying what her dad thought of the Playboy shoot, or what his reaction to 92 Weeks was. Now that she's a mother, would she let Ireland see the film when she's older? That's Alec's biggest lear," she squeals. "Before we had the baby, he'd call it Tommy and say That's going to be the day, when our son comes home and says Roger's daddy saw Mom naked in a movie.' I said 'Be quiet, we've both done it. Hey, if that happens, it's my career - that's what I did. There's nothing I'll ever hide from my daughter.

It was during the filming of 94 Weeks - the film that turned her into a worldwide star - that Basinger's first marriage began to break down. She had married Ron Britton, a make-up artist who was 15 years her senior, soon after arriving in LA, and he subsequently acquired a reputation in Hollywood for the influence he seems to have exerted over her. If the explicit subject matter of 91: Weeks helped to provoke a split between the couple, then it was Basinger's own, growing confidence that led to her divorce from Britton in 1989 after a decade together. It also helped to change her attitude to women. "It's only recently that I've really discovered women. I always had male friends in my life," she admits. "My sister Ashley is my closest friend in the world, my best friend. She lives in Georgia.

But lately I've gotten to know a



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was linked with Jeff Bridges, Michael Keaton, whom she met on the set of Batman as well as Prince During this period, she considered a second career in music and even recorded an album with the unfortunate title The Colour of Sex. Ultimately, though, she decided against releasing it. It was at this time that Basinger met Alec Baldwin. Their alleged antics on the set of The Marrying Man became notorious: there were reports of Basinger spending every able to exchange things with." was a crazy time as far as After her divorce, Basinger reporting goes - it was a very

untruthful time," sighs Basinger. "But if I had to go through that again to meet him, then so be it." The couple, who married in the summer of 1993, have been inseparable ever since, and Basinger now admits to being so devoted to her husband that she would be unlikely to take on a film like 9½ Weeks. "I wouldn't do ' anything to jeopardise my marriage. If Alec said I really don't want you to do that, I would listen to what he was

But far more damaging The Marrying Man was the staggering news that Basinger

STEPHEN

was being sued for allegedly breaking a contract to appear in Boxing Helena, the 1992 directorial debut of David Lynch's daughter Jennifer. Although Basinger never signed a contract, she filed for bankruptcy in 1993 after the LA Superior Court ordered her to pay \$8.1 million in damages and legal fees. That amount was reduced by \$5 million in 1995 and may go down again. Basinger isn't keen to discuss the specifics, but most people in the film industry feel she got

a raw deal. "I've always had a it's helped me survive all this." another child and Basinger claims that the

case didn't put her off making adoption, but with both their movies, but it was obvious that if she and Baldwin were going to have a haby, then this was the time to do it. I reland is now two years old and the centre of Basinger's life. "It's the greatest thing I'll ever do in my life

will ever have." she says. My daughter has brought clarity and freedom to

and the biggest

responsibility I

careers flourishing, there's little time for additional responsibility. Basinger has come a long way since leaving Georgia at 17, and for the moment life couldn't be better. "Happi

much more clear on things in my life. I'm in a great place.

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TIMES ON SATURDAY GODDESS OF **SMALL THINGS**

Booker Judge Jason Cowley meets Booker winner Arundhati Roy metro

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Where is the **British novel?**

Booker judge Jason Cowley on the winner

70 watch Channel 4's coverage of the Booker Prize was to undertand why Martin Amis calls literary London a "skanky No sooner had Arundhati Roy received her award, than she was bullied into making an instant quote by roving reporter Muriel Gray, whom minutes later I heard making a nasty off-camera remark about her. This was graceless indeed. Then Roy was sucked into a ruck of reporters and photographers, a small, exquisite figure hurried out of the Great Hall before having a chance to savour her triumph with her husband and friends. Returning to the studio, we

were greeted by the glum faces of Will Self, A. S. Byan and Carmen Callil, clearly lismayed by the decision Callil characteristically lived down to expectations by dis-missing The God of Small Things as "vulgar and execrable" — which in itself was shamingly vulgar. In the cor-ridors of Guildhall, meanwhile, literary journalists swarmed and plotted, malignly gossiping and lazily spreading misinformation about the "poor" sales performance of the shortlist — that, for instance, The Underground Man by Mick Jackson had sold only 67 copies in the past

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Earlier, I had gathered with my fellow judges in the Aldermans' Dining-Room for our final and, as it turned out, most enjoyable meeting. There was no discord: only encouragement for the shortlisted authors. The longed-for row never happened. The importance of our decision concentrated our conversation; several judges expressed honour only one writer.

Three novels, including one of my own favourites, Europa by Tim Parks, quickly dropped out leaving The God Small Things. Quarantine by Jim Crace and Grace Notes by Bernard Mac Laverty. But it was not hard to find a winner, we had all known since April. if only we'd realised, that Roy would win. As a result, we later conceded that we could have made our decision within five minutes of entering the

room: it was that harmonious. For almost alone among the 106 entries, Roy, mistakenly called a magic realist, has her own voice, her own signature. She is so verbally gifted that she makes most other writers appear leadenly inadequate.

That an Indian won the 1997 Booker Prize is, I think, entirely appropriate. This has not been a good year for the British novel; it's worth repeating that the judges cannot find abundance in a time of famine. If the Booker Prize is a mirror in which contemporary literary culture may glimpse a reflection of its own worth, then one ought to look elsewhere - to the United States or India. I once again congratulate Roy on her achievement; but where are the new British writers?

VANESSA REDGRAVE

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Democracy's dear to us, Mr Dewar

Parliament belongs in Edinburgh. not Leith, says Magnus Linklater

ould it matter if the House of Commons Westminster to Docklands? Would the quality of democracy suller? It might seem unthinkable to toss aside 700 years of parliamentary history, to remove the people's forum from the heart of the capital. On the other hand, one can think of some powerful arguments in favour. It would transform the inner-city environment, drawing London traffic away from the centre; it would be a healthy boost for economic develop-ment, it would allow a building fit for the 21st century rather than the cramped, archaic premises in which our MPs struggle to carry out their

daily business.

This is the kind of debate that has been dividing Scotland over the past few weeks. The decision about the exact site for a new Scottish parliament is fast approaching, and the outcome is finely balanced. The letters columns of the Scottish papers are full of it. fevered meetings of conserva-tion societies have taken place. Lobbying is ferocious. At the centre of it all is the Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, his brow more furrowed than

usual as he considers the options. He has let it be known that he has postponed a decision to give time for more detailed scrutiny. There are strong grounds for delaying yet further ... For almost a de-

cade there was only one possible choice: the great pillared Royal High School on Calton Hill overlooking Ar-thur's Seat, designed by the 19th-century architect Thomas Hamilton and modelled on the Greek temple of Theseus. It was always destined to be the Scottish parliament - whenever that came about. But as reality approached, hard questions began to be asked. Was it not too small, too cramped, too confrontational an amphitheatre for the new model parliament we were all told to expect? The chamber was like a cockpit other facilities were hopelessly antedituvian. It was an argument I raised in these columns. Soon afterwards it emerged that Labour ministers were looking elsewhere. No connection, I am

Their eye fell on the port of Leith, once Edinburgh's gateway to the Continent, now a mini-Docklands, much refurbished with fashionable reswarehouses converted to upmarket apartments, and little to suggest that it was the setting for Trainspotting except for the prostitutes who still patrol its meaner streets. There was much to be said for it. The Scottish Office was recently relocated there. A "greenfield" site was offered, and there was much talk of a "waterfront" building - something like the Opera House, who knows? And didn't Mary of Guise move the seat of government to Leith in 1545?

Above all, it was cheap. The devolution White Paper had specified a price of "between, £10 million and £40 million" and a new building seemed

likely to cost less than convert-ing the Calton Hill site. The advice from civil servants was to go for Leith, and Mr Dewar seemed on the point of making his announcement. But then, like a grumbling giant, the Scottish public — or rather the letter-writing public — began to wake up and take notice. Why Leith? Did the Scottish people really want a Parlia-ment that was out of sight and out of mind? Surely a parlia-ment should be visible, responsive, immediately accessible. The city council weighed in Edinburgh's influential civic groups expressed opposition. A third site, near

Haymarket, emerged, And Mr Dewar stayed his hand. Encouragingly, the argument now revolves not purely around the dry issues of costbenefit or economic regeneration, but the character and purpose of a parliament. Attention has once again focused on Calton Hill because it is such a compelling site, domi-nating the East End of the City, a counterpoint to Edinburgh Castle at the other end of Princes Street. It is the spiritual home of a parliament," said one conservationist I spoke to.

The building is too small and cramped most commentators Why not now accept that. But opposite is the reallow time markable building which houses the for a full Scottish Office - St Andrew's House, appraisal designed in the 1930s by Thomas of options? Tait and a splendid

example of imperial architecture. Much thought has gone into linking these two buildings, possibly by means of a tunnel, possibly by closing off the under-used road that bisects them and constructing a linking structure. The city council has commissioned a feasibility study which envisages glassing over its spacious courtyard and making it a debating chamber. Mr Dewar is against this, but other suggestions have surfaced. Personally I favour the Greenside site around the corner, an unused area of Calton Hill overlooking Queen Street. And if, at the same time, they demolished

the 1960s concrete St James's

Centre opposite, all Edin-

burgh would raise a cheer.

But this needs open dis-cussion. So far the run-ning is being made by heavily vested commercial interests, offering tempting inducements for both Leith and Haymarket. That is not the basis on which a final choice should be made. And in the end, is Mr Dewar the man to decide? After all, the "client body", as one architect described it, is the Scottish parliament itself. Instead of rushing to complete the building by the millennium, why not allow time for a full appraisal of all the options. accepting that the parliament might open in temporary accommodation while the final site is being prepared? When Venice commissioned the church of Santa Maria della Salute to commemorate the plague of 1630, it took 57 years

to complete. But it wasn't half

a building to be proud of.

quent face at the Blairs' dinner table, she has persuaded Cherie that something must be done.

There is, however, a delicate matter to be resolved: who pays. The Cabinet Office accepts the need for redecoration, but it might not stretch to the exacting demands

The four-bedroom flat, which is home to the Blairs' three children. Euan, 13, Nicholas, 11, and Kathryn. 9, hovers above the offices of the Chancellor at Number II, as the Number 10 flat is 100 small. And it was next door that Carla first touted her decorating skills. She advised Margaret Thatcher on important issues such as hearthrugs and coffee tables. Her legacy can be seen on the third floor of No 10, where she installed two marble pillars. Yesterday she was in Egypt. no doubt scouring bazaars PIERS MERCHANT'S belated for Beduin oddities.



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Yanks and Limeys

hen Henry James be-came a member of the Reform Club, he wrote home to his family in Boston with the excited exclamation: "Jy suis, Jy suis, forever and a day." Henry James is the classic example of the American Anglophile. He lived mainly in England for the second half of his life; he actually became a British citizen shortly before his death in order to affirm his loyalty to Britain in the Great War.

This year Joseph Epstein, the American man of letters, gave the Cleanth Brooks lecture on American literature and culture to the Institute of United States Studies in the University of London. The title of his lecture was "Anglophilia, Americanstyle" and he quoted the example of Henry James. He is himself a longstanding Anglophile. The England he admires is that of the historical culture and of his youth in the 1940s and 1950s; it is interesting to note the qualities he finds most attractive:

Kenneth Tynan claimed that Noe inventor of the cool. It was Noel Coward who, at being greatly feted before his 70th birthday, after receiving handsome toasts from Laurence Olivier and the Earl of Mountbatten, remarked: "I am awfully overcome at this moment and, as you can see, restraining it with splendid fortitude." English cool has always seemed impressive to Americans, certainly to the Anglophiles among us. It is represented by Evelyn Waugh stepping out of a bunker during a Nazi bombing raid in Yugoslavia, looking up at the sky raining down bombs and announcing. "Like all things German, this is vastly overdone." Funnier than either of these remarks is Max Beerbohm's put-down of Freud. When asked his opinion of Freudian theory. he commented: "A tense and peculiar

family, the Oedipuses. Joseph Epstein's judgment is that only an Englishman would have chosen that lovely, comic, absolutely on-target sentence". It is pleasant to be congratulated on this coolness and therefore on the modernity of English humour, particularly on the humour of a period which is still unfashionable.

I cannot help noticing, however, the extent to which this detached irony belongs to the tradition of high camp: if not actually gay, it has a gay style. The names quoted are high-camp names: Tynan. Coward, Olivier, Mountbatten, Waugh, Beerbohm. Their jokes are the stylistic godchildren of Oscar Wilde, who adds an

Anglophilia is still alive: the special relationship is cultural, not political

lrish element. The characteristic tone of English humour - clipped, ironic, fantastic - seems to owe an equal debt to the Irish and to the gay. Certainly our national humour cannot be divorced from its Irish ancestry in Swift, Goldsmith, Sheridan. Wilde and Shaw.

Anglophile Americans can, however, see even more substantial virtues in the English than dry jokes or Cary Grant's gift of looking at home in a dinner jacket. Joseph Epstein says things that the English could not and would not say about

My first, still strong, experience of history was that of World War II. as I shall always think of it, won by the English, "the stollid English" Rees-Mogg who, in Primo Le-

not noticed that they had lost the game". Two years old when it began and eight when it ended, I then saw World War II as I continue to see it today, as the good war, the war without moral equivocation. And its outcome was owed to English rightexusness, endurance and courage.

Just as there are still Angophile Americans, there are also Americanophile English people, Baroness Thatcher prominent among them. The two nations have always valued, or disliked, each other for different qualities. The great English cultural export has always been literature -Tokyo had two replicas of Elizabe-than theatres before London, under the impulse of an American, built the Globe. The great American cultural export has been the cinema. Some of its film stars have not been American: Greto Garbo and Ingrid Bergman were Swedish and Marlene Dietrich was German, Bob Hope and Cary Grant went to America from England as children. Even Fred Astaire was born in Austria with the engaging name of Friedrich Austerlitz. Yet the impact of Hollywood is a

wholly American impact. Old English literature and early Hollywood both provided heroic role models. As a child in the Chicago of the 1940s, Joseph Epstein rather touchingly found some of his role models in Dickens:

Christmas, as I understood it, was practically invented by Charles Dick-ens. Dickens, too, in Oliver Twist and David Copperfield, taught the poi-gnant conditions of poverty and of being orphaned. He also taught one to have great expectations. And once again, heroism: "It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than

Some Hollywood role models did show the elegant courage of Sydney Carton facing the guillotine; more

often and more interestingly they the strong man who order in an anarthic society; or the urban hero, the tough guy with a core of honour, such as Bogart or

Cagney in their positive roles. The power of Casablanca lies in its morality. Americans have been attracted to English culture by its historical depth and complexity; the English have been attacted to American culture by its vitality. My favourite English novel of the 20th century is Brideshead Revisited; my favourite American novel is The Great Gatsby - both simple choices and popular favourites. Both novels deal with class, but they represent the

appeal of different cultures. Modern Anglophilia and Americanophilia appear to be in a regretta-ble decline. English culture has lost much of its self-confidence. Epstein quotes a passage from George Santayana, written as long ago as 1950: Her kings were half-ashamed to be kings, her liberals were halfashamed to govern, her Church was half-ashamed to be Protestant, All became a medley of sweet reasonableness, stupidity and confusion."

Though still near the height of its power, America has the feeling of mid-afternoon; so recently it still seemed to be morning. Hollywood has gone the way of English literature: there is a subtext of despair. Yet in neither country has the love for the culture of the other wholly

disappeared. In Britain there is a regrettable ignorance of American history — the average Englishman knows the name of only one 18thcentury American president, George Washington, and one from the 19th century, Abraham Lincoln. The Insti-tute of United States Studies is fighting this ignorance: Paul Johnson has written an heroic one-volume History of the American People. With the Institute. The Times and Dillons Bookshop are hosting a forum on the book next Monday, October 20 (telephone 0171-467 1613 for details). Among the speakers will be Lord Renwick and Gavin Esler. But the ignorance will still be there, and indeed most Americans are equally ill-informed about English history.

Yet the United States still has a gravitational pull. We are always eing told how European the under-30 generation is in this country. It may be so, but it is even more American. It shares with America a common music, films, social patterns, even the Internet. There are always plenty of young Americans in London and young Englishmen and women in New York they mix without consciousness of the national difference. A young German, even with perfect English, seems much more foreign in either city.

Epstein concludes his lecture by recognising the partial fading of the Angiophile dream. Inevitably, culture relates to a nation's power:

That greatest of British ambassadors, English literature, shows signs of beginning to lade. Georgetown University's abandoning of the requirement that English majors study the norm, a new study by the National.
Alumni Forum finds. In the assault of
multiculturalism, all of English culture can easily be portrayed as one large, dead, white European male.

This assault on the historical culture is being made on both sides of the Atlantic. What is the gain and loss if the English and Americans, have the Beatles in common, but have both lost John Milton? William: Shakespeare is still holding his own. in Hollywood as in London. Perhaps Paradise Lost has become as obscure to both modern nations as the Iliad or the Aeneid on which it was modelled. Yet Americans still find depth in the culture of England and the English still find dynamism in that of America. Neither Anglophilia nor Americanophilia is dead.

No such thing as a free euro

John Redwood on

the dangers for business of EMU

Some large companies dream of a perfect world; one where there are no barriers across frontiers, where there is no risk of foreign exchange losses, where European demand pours straight into orders and profits for their factories. If only such a world could exist. I would have loved such a world when

They tried to create it with the exchange rate mechanism. The idea was that currencies came closer and closer together, until there would be one single rate that always applied. Unfortunately there was no right rate for sterling to join. As a DTI minister. I told business delegations before we went in that it would all end in tears. if you controlled exchange rates, you could not control interest rates. So it proved: What businesses gained on exchange risk, they lost many times over in higher borrowing costs and

fewer orders.

Now I find myself drawing on my industrial, commercial and Government experience of the 1980s and 1990s to warn business again: this time of the dangers of the single currency. They tell me it is different from the ERM. So it is: it's an ERM that was cannot leave easily: an ERM that was cannot leave easily: an ERM that you cannot leave easily; an ERM the markets cannot save you from.

For bigger businesses, there will be a small saving on converting their money across Europe — but there will still be wild swings on the exchanges into dollars and yen. They will discover that a single currency with France and Germany is not all it's cracked up to be. The enthusiasts say the trouble with the ERM was that we went in at the wrong rate. A pity they did not warn us at the time. And what is the right rate now? Most big businesses which want a single currency argue that the present exchange rate is not the right one. How would they find the right one, and how would we get sterling down to that rate?

The Government's indecision is making a mockery in the markets. Huge sums are being invested in the belief that we will go in. Another day, huge sums are taken out in the belief that we will not. Speculators are making a killing out of all the rumours. The market goes up when they think we might join. With French and German interest rates so much lower than ours, the market gets excited at the thought of our rates coming down if we joined up.

There is no free lunch. Our rates are higher because our economy is doing so much better. Our unemployment is half the French and German levels. If we did slash our rates to their level, we would have to impose much higher taxes to stop our economy blowing the roof off. There would be far too much money in circulation, house prices would surge, markets would go giddy, and then there would be a

Has Gordon Brown thought about the problems it is causing for the local shop? If we are to join with the other countries, the shopkeeper has to be ready with two tills for January I. 2002, to take either euros or pounds. He has to change over all his accounts, and be ready to double his prices. For the rest of us, it will mean shopping in a foreign currency, with no sense of monetary values.

And what about the local amusement arcade, or Blackpool pleasure beach? Every coin-operated machine or ride will have to be changed. The council will have to alter all its car park machines, the bank cash dispensers will need replaceding, every business counting money by machine will need new equipment. Decimalisation was easy in comparison. Yet Mr Brown and Mr Blair

cannot get around to telling us whether this is a good idea or not. If we are to be ready for 2002, businesses have to spend money now. to plan, and to order all the machinery they will need. It is a massive ElO billion outlay for British business as a whole to get ready:
And what is it all for? For smaller

businesses - the bulk of our companies - it produces no saving. It is all expense. They do not deal in marks or francs. Vauxhall will not close its Luton plant if we stay out. It might lose its European profits altogether if we plough on with a currency that does not work.

I am glad that the CBI and business groups now want an in-formed debate about the euro. I quite understand that many businessmen do not wish to be immersed in fundamental arguments about selfgovernment and constitutional change. There is plenty to debate with business about the impact that a single currency would have on the balance sheets and profit-and-loss accounts of individual companies.

A new consensus has emerged in the Conservative Party, uniting William Hague, myself, John Major and Ken Clarke. We all agree that entry now, at this exchange rate and in the different economic circumstances of Britain, France and Germany, would be bad for British business. We must now persuade all of British business that on this occasion, the majority view in Britain is right. We must force this Covernment off the fence so that business knows where it stands:

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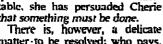
Too tacky

THE DINGY interior of Tony Blair's Downing Street residence is to receive a make-over. This will include new furnishing and wallpapering and is to be assisted by Lady Powell, the wife of Baroness Thatcher's former foreign policy adviser. Sir Charles, and sister-in-law of the Prime Minister's chief of staff, Jonathan Powell.

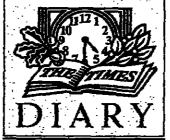
The decor in the flat above No II c is as outmoded as old Labour: brown viscose sofa-covers, grubby carpets, that sort of thing - far too crusty for the slinky standards of new Labour types. Carla Powell, a ferocious socialite who slips with admirable ease between the valons of Left and Right, has discussed the matter with Cherie Booth. A fre-



Mistress of style: Lady Powell



◆ HE WAS the last sceptic. Hum-



has been absent from No 10 since his old friend John Major lost the election. He, at least, was holding out against the universal adoration for new Labour. No longer, Earlier this week he popped into the Cabinet Office, enjoyed a glass of milk and made himself at home by a radiator. Seasoned observers, though, interpret this not as a political conversion but as a selfserving exercise. "During summer he loves prowling St James's Park," says a top hound in Whitehall. "The first sign of winter and he is here sharp. It's time for thermals."

Un-manored

resignation has cost a senior Labour politico his job, Bryan Gould, who gave up his seat following his phrey, the Prime Ministerial cat. unsuccessful leadership bid in

1994, will have to give up his title of Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead - one of two archaic 17th-century sinecures that MPs apply for in order to become disqualified from political office. Neil Kinnock currently holds the title of Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds.

Speaking from his home in New Zealand, where he has burrowed into academia. Gould admits to "a sense of great deprivation" at the loss of this title. Nobly he "hopes that Mr Merchant enjoys the position as much as I have".



"An invitation to a scandal-lit dinner!"

come my way that Banks granted to a student magazine at his alma mater, York University. Of his sex life at college, he was frank - too frank for your sensibilities, I fear, dear reader, but you will get the drift when I record his remark: "It was very permissive, in sexual terms, without any doubt at all. I must confess that my sex life was certainly more interesting than perhaps it has been in recent years." More interesting is his comment on new Labour. "We have connived. We have gone along with the party shifting to the right, in desperation to win an election. That's what that nice Mr Mandelson calls going "off message".

● UH OH. Tony Banks has been

talking again. An interview has

Who's she?

FED UP with the world of academe, the daughter of the rock star Pete Townshend is following her father into the music business. Emma Townshend, 28, has abandoned a PhD in history at King's College, Cambridge, to record her first single, The Last Time I Saw Sadie, due to be released in January. Little credit can be claimed by ber father. "My parents were honeless at making me go to piano lessons," Ms Townshend says. "My dad was really upset when I



started going. He'd say 'Ch, but' you used to play such beautiful ab-stract pieces'." Currently holed away writing his life story, her father nonetheless manages a compliment. Emma has a beautiful voice," he wheezes from his study,

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Wycliffe's head, George Sibly, noted

Since then top athletes like Carl

Martina Navratilova, to name but a few, have also recognised the im-

Perhaps more schools should take a

wardian's book.

Yours sincerely. ANDREW BUTLER (UK Representative). People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, PO Box 3169.

Excuses, excuses

After several weeks had elapsed a further message should be sent saying "Referring to my earlier message, for water-bottles read tanks".

Yours faithfully, PATRICIA J. CAMPBELL,



A GUEST IN INDIA

The Government in Delhi has let down its people

There is an ancient Indian saying that "a" guest is dearer than all". Two years before the Queen's state visit to India and Pakistan was entered in her diary, the governments of both countries were carefully sounded out as to whether a royal visit to mark the 50th anniversary of their independence would be welcomed. Every detail was, as it always is, meticulously planned in London, Islamabad and Delhi. The careful symmetry between her engagements in each country was designed to avoid the least occasion for offence — as was the decision to visit Pakistan first and India second, reversing the order of her previous state visit in 1961.

At Amritsar, the most delicate of the Queen's engagements, it took sensitivity on both sides to reconcile royal protocol with respect for the victims of the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre. The city's people responded in the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi, showing their readiness to emphasise the ties that bind rather than past bitterness. By abruptly announcing that the Queen is debarred by protocol from speaking at a state banquet in Madras given by the Governor of Tamil Nadu state, India's Government has shown considerably less maturity.

After the intricate prior planning that goes into such visits, confusion over the exchange of toasts is barely conceivable; but it is not impossible. Tamil Nadu, a populous state that zealously guards its substantial degree of autonomy, might not have cleared the arrangements with Delhi, as palace officials would have assumed. It is also possible that Tamil Nadu did not believe this to be: necessary; Delhi's allegedly iron rule of protocol, which runs contrary to the spirit of India's federal constitution by in effect stating that there is no India outside Delhi. has a freshly minted look about it.

Whatever the truth, protocol is a combination of tradition and commonsense and if the Indian Government wished the Queen to believed that it had outgrown.

feel truly welcome, the right course would have been to have overlooked so minor a matter when raising it was certain to embarrass. This unnecessary episode has

Kashmir, not protocol, written all over it. The Indian Prime Minister, I. K. Gujral, has encountered fierce criticism from Indian nationalists ever since agreeing with Paki-stan last summer to open negotiations on "all outstanding issues" between the two countries, including Kashmir. With tension high over the past month after renewed fighting on the Kashmir 'line of control". Robin Cook's raising of the subject in Pakistan was particularly unfortunate. But the Queen's comportment has been faultless.

When she spoke in Pakistan of lifting the historical barriers between the two countries, it was in the spirit of unleashing the region's potential. She spoke of the pleasure that efforts this year to start bilateral talks on "contentious issues" gave to "the friends of both". There was no hint of preaching, still less of British involvement, and no word of Kashmir. In the subcontinent, these are sentiments shared by business, those with families on both sides of the border, and many others, particularly among the young. Whatever pro-Pakistan bias Delhi may sus pect in the Labour Government — and Indian politicians have exaggerated Mr Cook's mistake for domestic consumption — the

Queen should not have been made a target. India has begun in recent years to shed the sententious, prickly-attitude to this country that made it a stereotype of postcolonial insecurities, just as it is casting off the red tape that has held back its economic potential. By departing from the courtesies to a guest that are central not only to secular good manners but to India's deeply rooted cultural and religious traditions, his Government has slipped back into habits of awkwardness that Indians and the world

IRELAND NEEDS ALLIES

A new economic challenge for Blair in Europe

When is a tax not a tax? As far as the tax regimes, a case that should not be lost on European Commission seem to be concerned, when it is levied in Ireland. For the competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert a tax pitched too low can be seen as a subsidy. He is currently exercised by the low level of corporation tax levied in the Irish Republic and has told the Irish Finance Minister, Charlie McCreevy, that its tax structure may be treated as a "state aid". The commissioner is considering penalising Ireland for its reluctance to burden business. Mr Van Miert, rightly, has been a scourge of subsidy but it is grotesque to punish the European Union's second most liberal economy in this way. Not only is it unfair on Ireland, it sets an unhappy precedent for European Union intervention in the fiscal freedom of member states. The Irish should not be left to fight this battle on their own. Ireland's evolution from honorary mem-

ber of the EC's Olive Belt to Celtic Tiger has taken place because of a variety of factors, not least the energy of its people and the quality of the State's education; but a liberal tax regime for business has been crucial. Ireland has a standard corporation tax rate of 38 per cent but in several sectors, such as manufacturing and international financial services, the rate is only 10 per cent. The ultra-competitive tax regime has attracted significant investment to Ireland. Other EU countries, notably Germany, have waxed indignant at Ireland's audacity in creating growth by cutting taxes. The Commission has been persuaded to question Ireland's "discriminatory" fiscal stance which other nations fear is slanted to securing footloose firms while milking less mobile parts of the

domestic economy. There is a principled case for defending the freedom of states to discriminate within

a UK Government that levies VAT on fuel at a lower rate than on other products. The Irish, nevertheless, have been prepared to listen to others objections and to set a uniform rate. Fianna Fail came to power on a manifesto pledge to reduce corporation tax across the board to 10 per cent and, in coalition with the Progressive Democrats, it is determined to establish a "single low rate".

This is still, however, not good enough for the Commission, which wants to stop the exploitation of "predatory" business tax regimes and is pressing for a higher rate. The Commission is attempting to browbeat Ireland into compliance by threatening a cut in EU funding. There is a case, given Ireland's phenomenal growth, for reducing structural funds. It should not be overstated. Other EU countries, such as Germany, operated extravagant state subisidies to wards industry which Ireland did not and, moreover, Ireland still has some way to go before its infrastructure is at a level comparable to many other member states.

Whatever the merits of any reduction in funding, however, there can be no logical linkage with the level of corporation tax. Ireland is setting an example other EU states should seek to emulate, not crush. It is not robbing other member states of investment but attracting it from all over the world, in the face of fierce global competition. It is only by allowing member states to establish their own fiscal regimes that EU nations can compete globally and learn, from each other, how best to boost growth. If Tony Blair wants a practical example of how he might lead Europe to a more flexible future he should consider using his forthcoming presidency of the Union to fight Ireland's corner.

SEX AND THE SINGLE SQUID

The terror of the deep is an aphrodisiac for the imagination

continual source of sensation. But, as our Science Editor reports, the mating habits of the giant squid are rare and even more sensational. The captures of two pregnant giant squid (Architeuthis) off Australia have provided the first record of sex among these almost legendary creatures. On the one hand, they show that there is nothing new under the sun or beneath the sea. But on another hand, they show that they do things differently at 3,000 feet below the surface.

Sperm packages (spematophores) were found embedded within the skin of the arms of a female. The hypothesis is that a male giant squid injects sperm packages into the arms of the female. Biologists suggest that males use their beaks or the scythe-like hooks on their arms to dig a hole in the females in which to deposit their packages.

Far less is known about the dark courtship rituals of the squid than of those of most forms of life, including MPs. But because it is encountered only occasionally by humans, when washed up or caught in fishermen's nets, the giant squid has a powerful hold on human imagination. In Greek myth Scyllawas represented as having 12 feet. Her diet was fish, though she was happy to eat sailors

if a ship came by. The belief in huge, man eating creatures that inhabited the deep was widespread throughout the ancient world even before Homer steered Odysseus past Scylla's cave.

The mating habits of politicians are a In the Old Testament Leviathan features as a monstrous primordial enemy of God. And the Babylonian god Marduk's battle with the many-armed sea monster Tiamat is thought to be a precursor of the Christian legend of St George and the dragon.

The grip of the giant squid on the imagination is still strong. It has been a stock sea-horror of fiction from Moby Dick and Jules Verne's Twenty Thousand Leagues. under the Sea, in which a shoal of giant "poulps" attack the Nautilus, to Hollywood and television. Tennyson published The Kraken when he was 21, and romanced in a letter about "vast and misshapen things, the wonders of the secret deeps, and the sea-

serpent, the huge chimera of the north". Man, the land animal, is still as fascinated as Tennyson by the mysteries of the sea. He may take his revenge by eating small squid cooked in their own ink, but he still knows far less about giant squids than he does about dinosaurs, which have been extinct for at least 65 million years. And in spite of this latest light cast on the mating habits of the giant squid, the creatures retain much of their archetypal myth. For a start, it does not explain the male Architeuthis caught off Norway with spermatophores embedded in the skin of several arms and its mantle. Did another male accidentally rivet a rival while they were both trying to impregnate the same female? Or had this male literally shot himself in the foot?

ERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cook defends his Kashmir talks

From the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Sir, If there is a "gaffe" in your reports of the state visit it is in your own curious belief that the Foreign Secretary does not normally hold substantive talks during a state visit (leading articie, "Cooking up a storm", October 14;

see also letters, October 15). On the contrary, it is standard pro-cedure for him to do so. In the past half dozen royal visits my predecessors held bilaterals with six foreign ministers, three presidents, two prime ministers and one defence minister. Nor were these merely "courtesy

It would have been a cause of major offence if in both Pakistan and India I had refused to hold meaningful talks with both prime ministers who wanted to do so. Your suggestion that I could have met with the Prime Minister of Pakistan but refused to discuss Kashmir has the ring of Olympian unreality, not least because one of the issues I was anxious to raise was the fate of the two British hostages in

Kashmir. In neither Pakistan nor India did I make any public comment or statement on Kashmir. Nor has Kashmir overshadowed the royal visit or undermined our strong and close relations with India. The immense, welcoming crowds at Amritsar testify to the warmth of feeling beween our peoples. In one hour at the Indo-Britsh trade exhibition I witnessed the signing of eight major contracts and

My bilateral meeting and two meals with the Prime Minister of India were as cordial and positive as my exchanges in Pakistan. Among many points of agreement, we resolved to speak regularly by phone and particularly when the press was seeking to cause mischief between us. I fear your own reports underline the wisdom of that agreement.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN COOK, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London SWI 2AH. October 15.

Royal visits

From Mr Ivor Lucas

Sir. The contretemps over the royal visit to Pakistan and India (letters, October 15) has a precedent.

In 1961, the last time the Queen was in Pakistan, the country was under Avub Khan's martial law. We in the British High Commission in Karachi were beavering away drafting speeches for Her Majesty to say that of course we quite understood that the Westminster brand of parliamentary democracy did not suit everyone, and to commend the local version of "basic democracy" which Ayub was then introducing.

Meanwhile our colleagues in Delhi

were busy drafting speeches for her to say how wonderful it was that the Indians were maintaining the best traditions of the Mother of Parliaments.

In the event, the Indians were outraged that the Queen should appear to be condoning military dictatorship in the Commonwealth, while the Pakistanis asked whether we really believed that Nehru's India was any more than a one-party state dressed up to look like Westminster-style democracy. However, at least on that occasion we succeeded in offending both sides equally.

Yours faithfully, IVOR LUCAS (First Secretary, Karachi, 1959-62), 65 Newstead Way, SW19.

Dyer at Amritsar

From Mr I. M. Seben

Sir, Your correspondent boldly states in his report today that General Regi-nald Dyer's action in 1919 "appalled most people". I find this surprising. since shortly afterwards — in a libel action. O'Dwyer v Nair - an English jury vindicated Dyer's action and awarded heavy damages against the defendant for describing the action as

Indeed, as late as 1956, the Encyclonaedia Britannica commented in its section on martial law:

Public opinion, when not clouded by political considerations, has entirely endorsed this view and it is widely held that the action of Sir Michael O'Dwyer [the lieutenant governor of the Punjab under whose ambority Dyer acted] and General Dyer "caused India"

Yours faithfully, I. M. SEBEN. 35 Church Street Saffron Walden, Essex.

Quid pro quo?

From Mr Terry L. Johnson

Sir, I cannot resist the temptation to inquire whether the survey of professionals which you mention (Lawyers lean on expert witnesses", report, October 13, earlier editions) revealed any correlation between the one third of experts who altered their opinions on request, and the 15 per cent who ended up suing the solicitor for their

Yours faithfully. T. L. JOHNSON, Johnson & Co (solicitors), 71-75 St Johns, Worcester. October 15.

Libraries face up to virtual reality

From the Chairman of the British Library

Sir, Your very welcome leader ('The virtual library'', October 13) under-lines the importance, for the UK's cultural, economic and social life, of making a success of the current plans to link public libraries to the informa-

tion superhighway.

The British Library has the world's finest collection and is the world's leading resource for scholarship, research and innovation. Our main catalogue, containing almost ten million entries, was put on the Internet this year (http://opac97.bl.uk/) as part of a programme for widening ccess to our stock.

We are also currently evaluating bids from the private sector for participation in our digital library programme (at approximately £20 mil-lion the largest public finance initia-tive project not to involve funds for a building) so that we will be able to continue to support the public library

It is fitting that in the year when we finally come to occupy our magnifi-cent new building at St Pancras we will also take the first steps in our "virtual" existence. Fitting because the virtual and the real (or traditional) library are complementary not competitive ways of accessing information.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ASHWORTH, Chairman, The British Library, 96 Euston Road, NWI. October 13.

From Mr Richard F. Shepherd

Sir, In my experience the modern public library has shelves full of pulp fiction and videos, and seemingly endless information technology gadgetry which seems to be little used and must absorb inordinate amounts of rev-

Public libraries need to get back to

thing for that privilege. If local authorities want to provide amusement arcades, they should devise ways of funding them separately.

basics and concentrate on providing

decent books, and I suspect that most

of us would be prepared to pay some-

Yours sincerely. RICHARD SHEPHERD. Whalecwm House, Cosheston, Pembrokeshire. October 13.

From Dr Phillip Hallam-Baker

Sir, You state in your leader that the librarian has not become obsolete in the information age. As someone who has spent the past five years helping develop the World Wide Web I very much agree.

A librarian's principal function is to help library users find material. Information technology has thus far been more effective in increasing the supply of information than the ability to use it.

The ability accurately to catalog. index and classify will become at least as important as the ability to write computer programs.

Yours etc. PHILLIP HALLAM-BAKER, 73 Merriam Street, Somerville, MA 02143. hallam@ai.mit.edu October 13.

From Mrs Peter Ashley Miller Sir, Your headline (earlier editions. October !!) read "Libraries will put grannies on the Net". This 71-year-old is already "surfing" at Beccles Libra-. Although older than Her Majesty, I don't feel the world is going too fast. Thanks to Suffolk, I have jumped

Yours faithfully, JILL ASHLEY MILLER, 7 Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk. October 15.

Loaded lobby voting From the Earl of Halsbury.

FRS, FEng

Sir, Speaking at the end of a debate in the Lords on June 25, I advocated an alternative system of voting in the Commons which, for want of a better name, I shall dub "loaded lobby

voting" (LLV). Assuming a party which attracted. say, 20 per cent of the electors but achieved, say, only 10 per cent of the elected, the latter would be given two votes each in a division. By contrast, if a party achieved 10 per cent of the electorate but a disproportionate 20 per cent of the elected, the elected would be given only half a vote.

How would this be manageable in practice? For security reasons those with a right of entry to the Palace of Westminster carry an identity card

with a magnetic strip, enabling them to unlock doors to which they have right of access. The same card could carry a second strip recording its possessor's voting power, to be presented to and read by a computer coupled to a reading device in the division lobby. Print-out of the result would be at least as fast as anything in use. LLV could not be applied in the

House of Lords, owing to the very large number of crossbenchers there, but no matter. The membership of a revising chamber should be in contrast to that of an elected one, not a reflection thereof. In the Commons it would combine the virtues of both first-past-the-post and proportional representation.

spending about £20 million on rewrit-

ing 6,000 pages of tax law into plain

language shows the scale of the task.

MARTIN CUTTS (Research director),

Plain Language Commission.

29 Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge,

From Mr Ian M. T. Sandison

Sir, I thought I would try self-assess

ment. I found it far from easy but the

result was that Her Majesty's Inspec-

tor of Taxes seemed to owe me £3,000

Though I would have been happy to

have been right my financial affairs are very simple and I decided to ask

HMIT to do it for me as usual. The

Happily I had not spent my wind-

Sir, Magnus Linklater writes ("Who

are the true Brits?", October 9) of his

resentment that as a Scot, "prepared

for British exams", he was taught

nothing at school of his native history.

School and Higher Certificate history

examinations I sat a special paper in

Modern Irish History, headed "For St

Anthony's Sunderland only. This

subject was taught side by side with English history of the 18th and 19th centuries by an Irish nun whose rum-

bustious style both inspired and terri-

I have often since wondered who, at

Durham University, marked those

fervently one-sided Irish answers with

Many of us were the children or

grandchildren of Irish immigrants

whose families perhaps, like mine,

had been deeply involved in the events

Yet by the 1940s we regarded our-

selves as British and I was proud to

such objective generosity.

of 1916 to 1921 and beyond.

In 1942 and 1944 as part of my

result was a refund of £164.60.

Platten, Kirriemuir, Angus.

From Mrs Madeleine S.

High Peak, Derbyshire.

or thereabouts.

Yours sincerely,

IAN SANDISÓN,

True Brits

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully, HALSBURY, House of Lords. October 2.

Self-assessment

From Mr Martin Cutts

Sir, Attacks on the supposed lack of clarity of the tax self-assessment form (letter, October 9) are misplaced.

The form was thoroughly pre-tested by the Inland Revenue (letter, October and is perhaps the best that could have been devised before evidence of its actual performance in use becomes available. Certainly the form follows most guidelines on plain language and good document design published in the last 20 years.

The real problems are that people dislike paying income tax and filling in forms, and that the last Government decided to make the switch to self-assessment. That switch was ostensibly to cut administrative costs. but merely shifted their burden to individual taxpayers.

We should not expect the form to do what generations of politicians and civil servants have yet to do - simplify the tax system. That the Revenue is

Church heritage

From Miss Fay Wilson-Rudd Sir, As one who has worked extensive-

ly throughout Somerset helping parishes to raise vast sums of money to restore many of our splendid buildings, I share the concerns of the Bishop of Norwich over the level of VAT such work attracts (letter, October 14). Thankfully, in June the European Parliament took the first steps to harmonise EU VAT rates, particularly the proposed reduction in rates for re-

pairs to historic buildings, which obviously include hundreds of churches. If the European Commission and subsequently the Council of Mi-nisters ratify this decision our churches may benefit from a lower rate. I believe, however, that it is important that people let Government know that this is their wish. Much of the

success in Europe is attributed to the fact that many letters were received from campaigners in Norfolk and Suffolk. Perhaps a similar campaign directed to our own Government would achieve the desired result.

Yours sincerely. FAY WILSON-RUDD (Resources Adviser. Diocese of Bath & Wells). The Old Deanery, Wells, Somerset.

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Dobbie Garth,

serve in the WRNS (though the dear nuns prayed daily that my soul at least would be saved). Yours etc. MADELEINE S. CHARLESWORTH,

Ormathwaite, Keswick, Cumbria.

October 10.

being developed in the United States but not available in the UK. I spent several months exploring the possibilities before opting for brachytherapy, a technique pioneered in Seattle by the Urology Resource Center under Dr Haakon Ragde. It is

New research into

Sir, I read Dr Stuttaford's account

(October 9) of his recent encounter

with prostate cancer with particular

It was an article of his on February

20 which alerted me, in the very week

when I learnt through a routine check that I was suffering from the same complaint, to the merits of treatments

prostate cancer

From Mr Humphrey Burton

more widely known as seed implanta-Tiny radioactive seeds (over 100 in my case) are planted in the prostate after computer analysis of an ultra-sound scan has worked out the precise

location of the cancer-affected areas in More than 2,000 patients have received brachytherapy in Seattle over the past eight years. It is more accurate, and much less time-consuming, than conventional external radiation therapy, although unfortunately it can only be carried out when the cancer remains within the gland and has not

The success rate is at least as good as that achieved by radical prostatectomies, with virtually none of the debilitating and sometimes long-term side-effects which often accompany

spread into neighbouring organs or

I spent only four hours in hospital. I've lost not a day's work, and my PSA blood-test reading was down to 1.2 from nine after only half of the 100 days during which the seeds remain radioactive.

My private health insurance would not pay for treatment outside the UK, but luckily I had the savings. Seattle told me I was the first Briton to receive this type of seed implant.

Dr Stuttaford's readers will rejoice that he has come through his operation with flying colours. He is certainly right to stress the importance for men of a certain age to have routine PSA check-ups, but I hope he will also agitate for urgent attention to be given in this country to the development of this new treatment.

Yours sincerely, HUMPHREY BURTON, 123 Oakwood Court, W14. October 9.

From Mr C. A. A. Kilmister

Sir, it was good to read of the successful and happy outcome of the operation performed by an expert uro-logical surgeon on Dr Thomas Stuttaford, but on the same page another article pointed out that research into the prostate is not a favourite object of charity, because the topic is an unlikely subject of polite conversation.

Happily many men are successfully treated. Yet because prostate cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in men it is time to shake off the shyness and to tackle the lethal nature of this condition.

The conquest of prostatic disorders will become a reality only when research is adequately funded.

Yours faithfully, C. A. A. KILMISTER, Prostate Research Campaign UK. 36 The Drive, Northwood, Middlesex. October 9.

Green and healthy

From Mr Andrew Butler

Sir, I was surprised to read of the Wycliffe College vegetarian scholar-ships — but not by the school's subsequent sporting prowess (letters, October 7 and 10; report. "Veggie scholarships left on shelf", October 14).

the health benefits of a vegetarian diet Lewis, Edwin Moses, Dave Scott (six-time Ironman triathlon winner) and

mense advantages of vegetarianism. leaf from this forward-thinking Ed-

London SWJ5 2ZG. October 14.

From Mrs Ian Campbell

Sir, Many years ago my son, a young subaltern in the army, was told that the best way to avoid wrath on losing expensive equipment was to send a message "Regret the loss of six waterbottles down a ravine".

Furzeior. Samplord Spiney. Yelverton, Devon. October 13.



COURT CIRCULAR

TAJ COROMANDEL HOTEL CHENNAI

October 15: The Queen this morning opened and subsequently toured the Indo-British Trade Exhibition at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

This afternoon Her Majesty gave a Luncheon at the British High Commissioner's residence. The Queen later viewed an ex-hibition of Indian Art at the British

Council and mer staff and students. Her Majesty afterwards visited the Delhi Brotherhood Society, Old Delhi, met volunteers and viewed displays of charity work and

The Queen later laid a Wreath at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, New Delhi, and met

ceterars.

Her Majesty this evening flew to Chennai (Madras).

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning flew to Ahmedabad.

His Royal Highness visited Gandhi Ashram and laid a Wreath.

The Duke of Edinburgh later visited the Blind Men's Association.

Ahmedabad.

Altmedabad.
His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Luncheon given by the Covernor of Gujarat (Shri Krishan Pal Singh) at Raj Bhavan.
The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards

Monument. His Royal Highness later flew to tumbai (Bombay). The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception at the Residence of the Governor of Maha-**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

October 15: The Duke of York, Admiral Sea Cader Corps, this morning visited the Swansea Detachment of the Corps at Swansea Marina and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan (Mi

Robert Hastie).

His Royal Highness afterwards opened the new teaching block at Neath College. West Glamorgan.

The Duke of York this afternoon amended the Twenty Fifth Annual Scalarers' Service in Wales at Llandaff Cathedral. Cardiff, and was received by Her Maissty's Lordreceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 15: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning attended a meeting of the Finance and Adminiistration Committee at Award House, St Matthew Street, London SWI.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 15: The Princess Royal.
Parron the National Autistic Society.
this morning received Mr Paul Cann

this morroung received wit Pain Carming the appointment as Chief Executive.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later attended the Annual General Meeting for volunteers at Westminster Central Hall, London SWI.

The Princess Person Chancellor

The Princess Royal, Chancellor. The Princess Royal, Chancelor, University of London, this afternon opened the new premises for the School of Advanced Study, University of London, Senate House, Maler Streer, London WCI.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Unived Kingdom, Anaptic, Heritage.

Her Royal Highness, Farton, On-ted Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, attended a fund-raising evening in aid of the Trust and the Scott Polar Research Institute at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London 847

ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 15: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, this evening tosted a Performance, Dinner and Dance at Buckingham Palace to launch the Creative Forum for Cul-ture and the Forum rure and the Economy. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Performance, Din-ner and Dance, held by The Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace to launch the Creative Forum for Cul-

KENSINGTON PALACE October 15: The Duke of Gloo this afternoon presented the Royal British Legion's Awards at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London ECZ.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 15: The Duke of Kent this October 15: The Duke of Kent this morning opened a Masonic Housing Estate at Clements Court, Londonderry, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Londonderry (Colonel Sir Michael McCorkell).

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, later visited the 1st Battalion at Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry.

Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry. The Duke of Kent this ovening attended a Performance, Dinner and Dance, held by The Prince of Wates at Buckingham Palace to launch the Creative Forum for Culture and the

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Bowles, actor, 61; Dr Stefan Buczacki, biologist, broad-caster and author, 52; Mr Max Bygraves, entertainer, 75.

Miss Alison Chitty, theatre de-signer, 49: Sir Michael Forsyth, former MP. 43; Mr Paul Gallagher, trade unionist, 53: Mr John Grant, former MP, 68; Mr Gunter Grass, writer. 70: Mr W.W. Grave, former Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge,

player, 50; Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Hayman-Joyce, 57; Miss Angela Lansbury, actress, 72; Sir Peter Large, honorary president Joint Committee on Mobility for Disabled People, 66: Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor, 82; Lord MacLehose of Beoch, KT. 80: Mr Swart MacLeod, fashion designer,

Mr Hugh MacMillan, former Chief Constable, Northern Con-stabulary, 65; Mr J.W. Melbourn, banker, 60: the Most Rev Thomas Morris, Archbishop Emeritus of Cashel and Emly. 83: Miss Emma Nicholson. (life peer) 56.

The Rev Dr John Polkinghome. KBE. FRS. former President. Queens' College, Cambridge, 67: Mr William Webb. conductor, 50.

Royal engagements The Duke of York, as Patron, will attend a piano recital and recep-tion in aid of the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf at St James's Palace at 7.00.

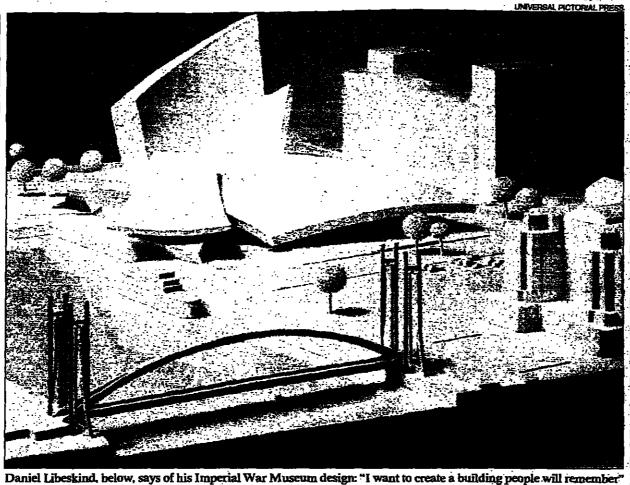
The Princess Royal, as Patron British Executive Service Overseas, will attend the annual meeting at the Institute of Directors, 116 Pail Mall, London SWI at 10.00; will open the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals' new headquarters building, Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London WCl at 2.15; as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend the 35th industry and Commerce Members meeting and reception at Buckingham Palace at 4.00; and will attend the dinner to commemorate the Battle of Camperdown held by the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn. 7.30. Princess Margaret, as President,

meeting of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children at the Society's National Train-ing Centre. Gilmour Close, Leicester at 11.55.

Latest wills

Professor David Keith-Lucas, of Emberton, Olney. Buckingham-shire, left estate valued at £647.167

WAIGH - On 13th October at The Barrett Maternity Home Northampton, to Gaynos (née Lodge) and Lestur, a son, Alexander Jonethan.





Legal

appointments

Magistrates' Court.

Mr Nigel Robin Cadbury has been

appointed a Provincial Supendiary Magistrate for the West Yorkshire

Commission Area based at Leeds

The following have been elected

Masters of the Bench of Middle Temple: Mr G.T.K. Boney, QC.

Mr B.G.D. Blair, QC, Mr G.R. Robertson, QC. and Mr N. Wilkinson. QC.

Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director of

the Atlantic Council of the UK. has

been appointed a vice-president of

the Atlantic Treaty Association.

Middle Temple

Appointment

Atlantic Council

Luncheon

presented to:

Vast images of war

By Marcus Binney

ONE of Europe's most controversial architects, Daniel Libeskind, has unveiled plans for a £40 million Imperial War Museum for the North. The building will take the form of three giant shards symbolising battles on

Libeskind's plan for a tower at the Victoria and Albert Museum, likened to an "accident with a Rubric cube", were opposed by

Kensington residents but won backing from English Heritage and the Royal Fine Art Commission. His Museum of the Holocaust in Berlin, shaped like a fork of lightning. attracted 200,000 visitors in 12 months.

He said of the Manchester war museum: "I want to create a building that people will remember. The tallest shard will be a brightly illuminated projection tower, visible from Manchester United football ground and from the city centre itself."

Service reunion Reid, MP, Minister for the Armed Forces, also attended

Members of the Clover Club (8th Indian Division) and their ladies attended their annual reunion held vesterday at HM Tower of London. Mr Philip Brook pre-sided. Mr Tim Dodwell, president, was among those present.

Individual: Mrs Marjorie Brown, Alnwick. Thirty seven National commendation awards were also

Luncheon

Clover Club

Association of Foreign Affairs Journalists

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Common-wealth Secretary-General, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Association of Foreign Affairs Journalists held yesterday at Marlborough House, Mr Jonathan Fryer, president, was in the chair.

Eton luncheon

Tidy Britain Group Sir Antony and Lady Acland presented The Queen Mother's Birthday Trophy to McDonald Restaurants at The Queen Moth-Lyttelton Club The Lyttelton Club luncheon was held yesterday at the Cavairy and Guards Club, The Marquess of Ailesbury, the Earl of Malmeser's Birthday Awards luncheon bury, Lord Cornwallis, Mr J.C.L. held yesterday at the Park Lane Jenkinson and Mr B.N. Gibbs Hotel. Sir David Trippier: Chair-man of the Tidy Britain Group. was the host. Premier awards were were among those present.

Service Dinner RN and RM

presented to:
Company: Onyx (UK); Statutory
Organisation: The Environment
Agency — Thames region: Local
Authority: Care for Coventry
Campaign; Media: The Lancashire Evening Telegraph: Enterprise: Shetland Amenity Trust;
Voluntary Organisation: The
Belgrave Residents' and
Neighbourhood Watch Association: Youth Group: Inham
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School: Ragian School, Bromley; Washington DC, USA Commodore D.J. Anthony, MBE. by the Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines serving in Washington DC, was the host at a

dinner held last night at the Marine Barracks, Washington DC to mark the 192nd Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, Admiral J.L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory. Dr John

Dinners

Royal College of Physicians Professor Sir John Grimley Evans delivered the Harveian Oration to the Royal College of Physicians last night Later, Professor George Alberti, president, with college officers and Fellows entertained their guests at a dinner to mark the Harveian celebration.

Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers

Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, was the guest speaker at a court dinner of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers beld last night at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Henry G. Mutkin, Master, assisted by the Wardens, Mr William A. Warbey and Dr Beresford T.K. Barry, presided. During the evening the Master presented awards to students from the City University and the University of Wales. Among others present were: The Master of the Painter-Stainers

Company, the Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths' Company, The Master of the Needlemakers' Company and the Master Cutler in Music Therapy Charity

The Governors, Vice-Presidents and others connected with the and others connected with the Music Therapy Charity gave a dinner last night at Brooks's to mark the retirement of Dr Peter Andry as Chairman and Mr Richard Crewdson as Deputy Chairman. Mr Adrian Barnes,

chairman, presided Professor Malcolm Troup also spoke.

Reception Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Blair were the hosts at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street.

The Oratory School Society.

The annual Requiem Mass for Old Oratorians will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday, November 13, in the Little Oratory, Brompton, London SW7. There will be refreshments after the service.

Company of Makers of Playing Cards

The following have been elected Master, Mr P.D. Crabbe: Senior Warden, Mr A.H. Wilcox, Junior Warden, Mr G.H.E. Robson.

Church news Retirements

The Rev David Jenkins, Rector, Whitchurch (Lichfield) to retire November 8.

The Rev Norman Last, Priestin-Charge, Bradworthy (Exeter) to retire November 30. Prebendary Peter McGee, Priest-in-Charge, Woodbury (Exeter) to retire October 31. Canon Toby Salisbury, Vicar, Great Bedwyn, Little Bedwyn and Savernake Forest (Salisbury) to retire December 15.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L.N.A. Botsoff and Miss V.C.O.S. Lawrie

The engagement is announced between Lawrence, son of Mr and Mrs Nayderi Botsoff, of Sofia. Bulgaria, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr Alex Lawrie and of Mrs Alexandra Lavy, of London. Mr M.F. Broom-Smith

and Miss K. Hughes The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr

John Broom-Smith and Mrs Alma Broom-Smith, both of Bucknghamshire, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hughes, of Northwood, Middlesex. Mr D.M. Cadin

and Dr K.A. Sim

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mrs Jean Cadin and the late Mr Ernest read Cadin, of Trinity, Jersey, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Simmonds, of Kings-ton Vale, London. Mr J.H.M. Claydon and Miss C. Summer

The engagement is announced between Julian Harvey Miles, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Claydon. of Richmond, Surrey, and Carolyne, only daughter of Mr and Mirs Anthony Summer, Leintwarding Herefordshire Mr P.J. Glynne Percy

and Miss A.C. Bezant The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of the late Mr Anthony Glynne-Percy and of Mrs Glynne-Percy, of Tomatin, Inverness-shire, and Alison elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.K. Bezant. of Preshaw. Hampshire.

Mr M.A. Hibbert and Miss C. Oliver The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Lieutenant

Colonel Peter Hibbert, of Bor-deaux, and Mrs Colin Crawford, of Balham, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Oliver, of Mr R.A. Jardine-Brown

and Miss F.A. Husselby The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Jardine-Brown of Ibworth, Hampshire, and Francesca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Husselby, of Fen End, Warwickshire.

Mr J.C. McMorrow and Miss A.J. Collins The engagement is announced between Sean, elder son of Mr and Mrs John McMorrow, of Southgate, London, and Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Collins, of Castle Cary.

Mr E.J.V. Manning and Dr V.J. Steves

The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Manning, of Ashton, Cheshire, and Victoria. Stevenson, of Cowes, Isle of Wight.

and Miss C. Murray .The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Sir Charles and Lady Powell, and Christy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Murray.

Mr C.C. Prideaux and Miss B.H.V. Hoogeweegen

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr. and Mrs Christopher Prideaux, of Doddershall Park. rriceaux, of Doubersman Park, Buckinghamshire, and Barbara, elder daughter of Mr Andrei Hoogewegen and the late Annelike Hoogeweegen, of Sandridge Park, Wiltshire.

Mr E.O. Savill and Miss J.A. Breakey

The engagement is announced between Owen, son of Mr Jonathan Savill and the late Mrs Audrey Savill, of Godalming, Surrey, and Judith, daughter of the late Rev P.J.C. Breakey and of Mrs Breakey of Armson Co. Barbara Breakey, of Armagh, Co Armaeh.

Dr J.M. Weinreich and Miss E.J. Marks

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Weinreich, of Highgate, London, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Marks, of West Hampstead.

Mr D.H. Wilson

and Miss C.E. Peters The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilson, of Grayshott, Surrey, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Peters. of Wester Bavelaw.

Mr B.N. Wray

and Miss A.V. Vivian The engagement is announced between Benedict Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Wray, of Putney, London, and Arabella Victoria, daughter of the Hon Victor and Mrs Vivian, of Generargues,

Marriage Mr T.J. Ingles and Miss C.M.

Berkley-Matthews

The marriage took place on Sat-urday. October 11, at The Chapel of All Saints, Wardour Castle, between Mr Timothy James Ingles, son of Mr and Mrs James Ingles, and Miss Charlotte Margaret Berkley-Matthews, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Berkley-Matthews. The Right Rev Mervyn Alexander, Bishop of Clifton, offici-ated, assisted by Father Richard Randolph, SJ.

The bride was attended by Emily Heaven, Camilla Heaven and Isabella Palmer. Mr Betteridge was best man.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King James II of Scotland, reigned 1437-60, Holyroot, 1430; Albrecht Von Haller, bota-nist, anatomist and poet, Berne, 1708; Noah Webster, lexicographer, Hartford, Connecticut, 1758; Robert Stephenson, civil engineer, Willington Quay, North-umberland, 1803; Arnold Bocklin, painter, Basle, 1827; Oscar Wilde, writer, Dublin, 1854; Michael Colins, Irish patriot, Clonakilty, Co Cork, 1890; Sir Austen Chamberlain, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1925, Birmingham, 1863; David Ben Gurion, 1st Prime Minister of Israel 1948-53 and 1955-63. Plonsk, Poland, 1886; Eugene O'Neill, dramatist, New York, 1888; Enver Hoxha, Albanian leader 1944-85, Gjinokaster, 1908. DEATHS: Luca Signorelli, pamer, Cortona, Italy, 1523; Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops, Protestant reformers. burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1555; Akhar I, the Great, Mughai Em-

peror of India 1556-1605, Agra. 1605; Ralph Thoresby, antiquary, 1725; Robert Fergusson, poet, Edin-burgh, 1774; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, guillotined, Paris, 1793: John Hunter, anatomist and surgeon, London, 1793; Joseph Strutt, antiquary, London, 1802: Henry Martyn, missionary. Tokat, Turkey, 1812; Sir Granville Bantock, composer, London, 1946; Liaquat Ali Khan, 1st Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, assas-sinated, Rawalpindi, 1951; George Marshall, general, formulated Marshall Aid, Nobel Peace laureate 1953, Washington, 1959. The House of Commons was burned down, 1834.

Famborough, 1908. German war criminals were hanged at Nuremberg, 1946. Cardinal Karl begjtyla, Archbishop of Cracow, became Pope as

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Happy is be who fears the Lord, who finds deep delight in obeying his command-ments. Psaim 112: 1

BRADBY - On 8th October, to Tom and Claudia (née Hill-Norton), a daughter, Louisa, a sister for Jack.

DEATHS REMDON - On Piday 10th October at Queen Chariotte's Hospital, London W6, to Anne Cecilia (née Davies) and Tom, a daughter, Eleanor Geneview Victoria. ASHLEY-BLAKE - Charles suddenly on October 12th, beloved husband of Jane, adored father of Gloria and David, loved by his family and friends. Fineral private. Thanksgiving Service to be held at a loter date.

Eleanor Geneviève Victoria.
CORAM - On 14th October
1997, to Robert and Beth, a
damphan, Georgina Louise.
GALLYOT - On October 11th, to
Enchel (née Hallmark) and
Stuart, a son, Edward George,
a brother for Enery.
GASHETT - On October 7th, to
Annie sust Azibony, a son,
Harry Peter James, a brother
for Charife and Azabella.
GENERAL - On October 14th PEORGE - On October 14th 1997, to Sage and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Tilly "absolutely perfect".

GROVE-WittTE - On 9th October 1997, to Sue and David, a daughter, Louisa Joan. golden and the second s a bother for mamma.

mcHellas - On 13th October
in Switzerland, to Caroline
(née Hewirt) and jonathan, a
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gincipe-Gillespie - On October 9th 1997, to Susie (noe Verden-Anderson) and ANCH - On 4th October 1997, to Lindi and Tim, a beautiful daughter, Raomi Katherine.

TOURANTY - On October 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Shalu and Ramesh, a beautiful daughter, Shahman, a granddaughter for Mrant Mrs PC, Toumney and Mr and Mrs CR. THEMER - On October 12th at The Fortland Hospital, to Inga Beyer and Seth, a son, Albert Sony.

BELL - Remelope Mary aged 75 years peacefully on 15th October 1997 in London. Beloved mother of Nicholas, sister of Rosina and friend of Gestine, Funeral on Piday 24th October at Coocham Hill Parish Church, near Edgabridge, Kent at 12 non. Floware to the church was to the church of the church of the church of the church to the church of the church of

CRITCHS.EY - Dr. Macdonald Critchley CRE, MD, FRCP, on 15th October, beloved husband of Ellem and Sather of Julian and Micholas. Private funeral. Memorial Service later. FAIRBAIRM - At Borders General Hospital on October 13th, 1997, Facilito, wife of the late Town and mother of Andrew and Indy, Service in Melrose Fazish Church on Monday, October 20th, at 12.45pm followed by gremation at Mortonhali Grematoratem, Pastland Chapel, Edinburgh, at 2.45pm. Family flowers only.

FALCONER - On October 14th 1997 peacefully at home, Reverend John Gelkie M.A. CAM TAR EN (PM) Dearly Service to take place on Tuesday October 21st at 12 noon at Mortlake Gramatorium All enquiries PROLAY - William John C.A. research - william john CA., former sentor memoger with Touche Ross & Co., died passafully on 15th October. Hemorial donations to Halp the Aged, please. DEATHS

Arranged. Memorial donations if desired to Sobell House Hospics.

GOLDER - Stephen died peacefully October 9th 1997. Cremation Garaton Crematorium, Watfood, 3 pm October 17th.

FORREST - On October 14th In Oxford, William George Grieve Forrest, Emeritus Wyksham Professor of Ancient History, Emeritus Fellow of Wadham and New College, Private caramation. Memorial party to be

Botton Village, Yockshim.

MARESON: Many Chetwode, widow of Annald Hanrison, mother of Devid, Seese and Anna, died peacafully on October 13th Funeral at St. Nicholase Church, Russt at 11.15 am on Tuesday, October 21st. No flowers, but denations if desired to The Carr-Gount Sodiety, cle AB. Weller, 36 Eldon Eond, Resuling RGT 4EL.

NEGRES - Captain Roger Sertains
Nattieton Hicks D.S.O., Royal
Navy, suddenly on 12th
October 1997 aged 87.
Dearly lowed husband,
fasher, grandfather and
great-grandfather. Funeral
Service of Riisland Farish
Churck on Tuesday 21st
October 1997 at 11 am
followed by private
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NALL - Alister Composes on October 9th 1997 died pesceriully at home. Believed bushend of Julis and father of Marcus, Caspar and Frincesca. Private cremation. Memorial Service to be held at S. Michael Parter Noster Royal, College HIII, Ecf at 1230 pm on Tuesday December 9th. Doustons in lieu of flowers to Camphill Yillage Trust, Botton Village, Yorkshira.

October 17th.

GOGDALL. - David John, suddenly from a heart attack on 13th October 1997. Will be sadly missed by his children Adela and Gavin, The North London Ritle Club and shooters around the world. Funeral 2.30 pm, Tuesday 21se October, St. Johns Woking, No Howers please. Donations to The Brooke Hospital for Animals Tel: 0171 790 2386.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

peacefully on 12th October aged 86 years, at the Yeatman Hospital, Yearman Hospital Sherborne. Formerly of Oporto, Portugal. Will be safily missed by her family and meny friends. Funds Service and comstion will Service and cremation will take place at Yeovil Crematorium on Taturday 23rd October at 12 noon. No flowers - donations if desired to the Friends of the Yearman

SOURCETOR - Lesie is now at peace. October 10th in Siairgowerie, Perthabire. Betired Heatmaster of Cheedle Huime School and LARTER - Mangaret pencafully at Crambill Nursing Home, Bath, on October 13th 1997 aged 80 years. Will be sadily missed by her friends. The Funezi Sawice will be baid at Haycombe Cramatorium to Wednesday October 22nd at 11 am Florai tributes to E. Hooper & Son, 13 St James Punds, Bath Ball 101.

LEACH - Clifford, aged 85, beloved husband of Amel and father of Susan and Lay. Died peacefully on 14th October 1997 in Chebunham General Hospital, Enguiries to Sellin Smith & Co., (01242) 525383. LEWIS - Alice Dorothy, the beloved wife of the Rev. Edward Lewis, died at home in Eminford on October 12th. Puneral Service and interment at Eninford Parish interment at Brinford Parish Church on Tuesday 21st October at 2 pm Flovers or donations to Rainford Church, All enquiries H. Raidman & Co., tak (01695) 722122/720012.

SEMAN - Kry, beloved wife of Alex and mother of Guy and Hugh, died peacefully on October 7th. Funeral private.

JEMNINGS - Maxion Gwyn, peacefully on 12th October 1997 aged 94. Funeral private - Memorial Service to be superconductive. OLIVES - Rermin aged 84 peacefully on Priday 10th October 1997 at Rodwell Farm Nursing Home, Zowtown, Addiestone, Futeral Service to be held at Woking St. Johns Compatorium on Thromoday 23rd October 11 am. All enquiries to Walter G. Wortt Funeral Directors, (01932) 843143.

PEACHELL - Isabel Andrey in her 90th year. Widow of Bill (Royal Signals). Greatly loved mother of Libby and Caroline; beloved grannie and gener-pannie rejecting in her large family. Funezal Service on Monday Cuber 20th 300 per at Baycombe Crematorjum, Bath. She requested no flowars; requested no flowers; densitions to Royal Corps of Signals Association Blandford Camp Dosset.

SOFTLEY - Peter, ARLIEA.
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10.15 a.m. Monday 20th
October.

STAWLEY - On October 14th
1997 died peacafully in his
sleep at home. Admiral of
the Fleet Sir William
Staveley, GCB M., beloved
heaband of Bettine, much
loved father of Richard and
julierte and greatly loved
brother, father-in-law and
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on October 23rd at 11:30 am
in Plaxtol Perish Church.
Memorial Service will be
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please; donations, if desired.

THEMER - On October 14th 1997, Cicity M.L.C., aged 83. Late Matton of Metropolitan Hospital, London. Beloved sistes of Ethebeth, Funzal at M.C. Church, Forthingheides on Munday October 20th at 11 am. Donations only, plesse, to CAFOD clo john Sharing, 34 Provent Street, Forthingheides SP6 1AY.

VLES - Peacefully on 13th October 1997, Howard Vernen Tyler of Cropston, Leicestershire. Beloved husband of Eath, dearly loved father of Bill and Vivianne and devoted gazzifister. Private family crewstion. Calebration Service at All Sainty Packs Church, Leicestershire on Thuras to., Leicestershire on Thuras to. Church, Thurcaston, Leicestershire on Thursey 23rd October at 230 pm. No flowers please. Donarions in desired to The Leicester

VAIN - Corporate Street Fighter and Strategist, Richard Arthur Wein, 71, ex British Steel and Euro position steel and Suro Commission, passed away peacefully in a Kent musting home on October 12th, Whit despect love and affection, wife Joan and Speaker, lidward and Spanish, Fumenal at 1250 pm on Monday 20th October at Vintees Park Commissions Madignose, all friends walcome, division of the property of the property

wealfold - On October 14th Christopher John, dearly loved husband of Molly and father of Jevemy and Amanda, after a long illness bravely borne, in Nascau, The Bahamas.

WARE - Daris Louise White, on 13th October 1997 near the end of her 97th year, at Manusseed Nursing Home, Hindhead, Widow of the Esystem William Callender

WAYPER - On October 9th (peacefully in hospital) of the Stiteling, Romatckick, Bernard Castle, Elizabeth Violet aged 84 years (settled Solicitor and former Towas Clerk of Jamow). Funeral Tuesday October 21st. Will, friends kindly meet for service 1.15 nm Weet cremation. Pamily flowers only please. Donations in lien if so desired for North of England Cancer Research Campaign c/o John Wise Funeral Service, Michiston, Barnard Castle, Co. Detham

WOOD - Ethabeth died 10th October aged 92 at Trinity Hospica. Camastion points. Memorial Service Friday 24th October 230 pas at St Paul's Knightsbridge. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon tel: (0171) 229-3810. IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

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OBITUARIES

HAROLD ROBBINS

Harold Robbins, popular novelist, died in hospital in Palm Springs California, on October 14 aged 81. He was born in New York on May 21, 1916.

he godfather of the airport novel and one of the most successful practitioners of the genre, Harold Robbins wrought variations on that tantalising triad, sex, power and money, for nearly fifty years. The sex was always unashamedly macho, often cruel and frequently perfunctory. And it was to remain so in spite of the tendency of younger followers to acknowledge some change in the mores and politics of the bedroom/ poolside/pooltable encounter.

Like the sex, the power was a sine qua non of the Robbins man. Losers, the sensitive, the compassionate had no real place in the Robbins vocabulary. If they trespassed for a moment, as in, say, Never Leave Me (cosy marriage threatened by third party who then considerately makes away with hersell), they did so in a wholesome all-American way, which made no great waves; the Robbins mores reasserted themselves after a decent period of mild regret.

In a Robbins novel the money was perhaps the most convincingly struck note of the triad. Robbins had had it. lost it, then had it again. Even at the end of his life he still claimed to be writing to stay ahead of alimony claims and to pay the gigantic medical bills which were a concomitant of his failing.

Not that he was not utterly qualified to write about his other two chief subjects. His life bore a close relationship to his novels. He had partied on a monumental scale on yachts draped with beautiful (young) women; and he had taken business risks as breathtaking as any of his protagonists in their march towards power; But since he did not pretend to characterisation, these aspects of his books remained, essentially, fantasy elements.

Not so, the backdrop against which a Robbins novel as set. He wrote out of a background in which he had his own progress through life. Amyl nitrate and anal sex, which he had latterly injected into his books to bring them "up to speed", were not matters he had to swot up. In his rime he had popped, sniffed, injected and smoked most of the exotic substances in the pharmacopoeia, and in old age expressed puzzled surprise that modern society was "down on" them. As for homosexual activity, he had had personal experience while serving as a seaman in the US Navy. "Not my kind of thing," he was later to say in an interview, "but you don't have anything else to do. Besides, you're the smallest guy."

None of this extensive experience, of course, would have been of any avail without one priceless asset. And that was



the inescapable fact that Robbins could genuinely write Indeed an early novel. A Stone for Danny Fisher (1955), a study of integrity and corrup-tion in the boxing world, was in danger of being taken seriously by literary critics. It actually smelt of the sweat of the prize ring, and captured a sense of a talented individual, striving to better himself, becoming submerged in a culture of bribes

But Robbins was determined to write to live not live to write. He had no intention of starving in a Manhattan garret and waiting for a Pulitzer Prize to come his way. He took his subject matter upmarket and his prose style down: the undoubted sensitivities of Danny Fisher were replaced by the uncomplicated crudity of "He had seen her before but never when his senses had strong-breasted animal cruelly, now he tightened his

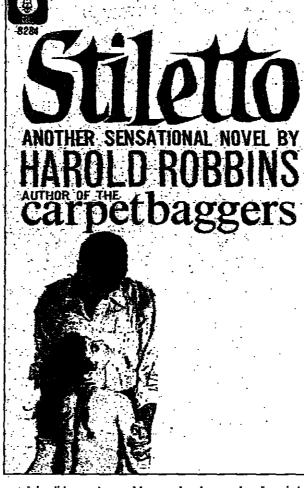
fingers ... worshipfully she bent her head ... " (as the young Count Cesare Cardinali completes his first seduction in Stiletto, 1958). Indeed, sometimes, as in: "I felt her shudder and tremble under me, and a shrill scream came from her wings . . . " the language was equally appropriate to avia-tion or the bedchamber.

The formula, with its selfflattering male fantasy, was a runaway success. The most famous single title, The Carpetbaggers (1961), has sold more than seven million copies to date. Never Love a Stranger, The Adventurers. The Inheritors, The Betsy, The Lonely Lady and, more recent-ly, titles like The Pirahnas and The Raiders were all part of a

thriller oeuvre which had sales of more than three-quarters of a million at the time of Robbins's death, and had been translated into 29 languages. Many of the books spawned films. Robbins could also claim to have spawned that school of writing (though he never did, remaining an unassuming man) which includes. most notably, Jackie Collins, Danielle Steel, Jacqueline Susann and Judith Krantz.

arold Robbins's early life was to some extent a matter of interpretation by its protagonist. But it seems reasonably certain that he was born in New York City where, as a foundling, he was brought up in a Catholic orphanage. There, the Paulist fathers gave him the name Francis Kane, which he was to of Never Love a Stranger, Hewas next farmed out to foster parents, a Jewish family by the name of Rubin, which, later modified to Robbins, he took. By his own account, in a family which offered him genuine affection and stability, he was somewhat wild. To supplement his pocket money he ran errands for prostitutes and a Jamaican drug dealer. It was his boast that he carried cocaine to Cole Porter.

Tiring of this life, he dropped out of high school and ran away from the Rubin home. Lying about his age, he enlisted in the US Navy. where he spent two years in submarines based on Pensacola, Florida. The enforced period of homosexual activity this involved seems to have left no permanent scar on him and



certainly did not change his sexual orientation.

After being demobbed, he returned to New York where he worked as a snow-shoveller before getting a job as an inventory clerk for a grocery store chain. During the Depression years he showed entrepreneurial flair by trading in peas, com and other crops on the side. Soon he was selling options to canning companies and this became a fulltime occupation.

He claimed that by the age of 20 he was a millionaire and owned his own aircraft. Butspeculation in sugar at the outbreak of the Second World War bankrupted him and in 1940 he took a \$27-a-week job as a shipping clerk at the warehouses of Universal Pictures in New York.

During the war he moved to Los Angeles with Universal director of film budgets and planning. The self-scripted Robbins mythology has it that one day in 1947 he bet Universal's head of production \$100 that he could write much better stories than those for which the studio was paying up to \$300,000 a time. The wager was accepted and Never Love a Stranger, closely modelled on his own experience of life in the Depression, was the result. Published in, 1948. it won a warily respectful review

in the New York Times. The paper was much more enthusiastic, however, about A Stone for Danny Fisher (1951) which it hailed as a work of considerable literary merit. By this time Robbins was beginning to scant his work with Universal to get on with making a life in writing. Ignoring the promise of a strictly literary reputation held out by the notices for Danny Fisher, he embarked on what was to become The Carpetbaggers.

By this time, fed up with his absenteeism, Universal gave him the sack. But The Carpetbaggers was published in 1961 and his future was assured The novel, closely based on the life of the reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, shot to the top of the bestseller lists. In 1964 it was made into a film starring George Peppard and Carroll Baker, It was the book which ever afterwards defined Robbins as an author. Thereafter, all paperback reissues of earlier novels by Rob bins styled him "author of The

Carpetbaggers".
With the success of the novel and film, Robbins was catapulted into the life of opulence he had dreamt of as a boy. A Cannes and a yacht in the Mediterranean followed close on each other. At le Cannet he met Picasso, to whom he gave Spanish translation of The Carpetbaggers, receiving in return a caricature of himself.

The parties aboard his yacht Gracara, named after his then wife Grace, were legendary. And when he returned to America and bought a house in Los Angeles a trisson of excitement ran through even that sensation-glutted town.

But he always complained that wealth had come too late. Almost fifty by the time he began to earn serious money. he was apt wistfully to wish he had been in possession of such riches in his prime. In 1982 he suffered a slight stroke which left him with aphasia, a condition of the brain which affected his ability to put thought into words.

Nevertheless he continued writing and marriage, in 1992, to his last wife, Jann, gave him a companion to help him with his books.

All in all, he enjoyed a happy old age, with his wife, to whom he was devoted, entertaining his friends with stories robustly larded with the expletives and indecencies lor which he was renowned.

He is survived by Jann and by the two daughters of his previous marriage to Grace Palermo, which was dissolved. Exactly how many times he was married remained part of the Robbins sexual mythology. At one time he claimed five unions, but in reference books acknowledged only three; a first wife, Muriel Ling, predeceased him; a second marriage, to Lillian Machnivitz, was dissolved.

BORSTAL.

RECORD OF 21 YEARS'

WORK.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

DR MACDONALD CRITCHLEY

Dr Macdonald Critchley CBE, neurologist, died yesterday aged 97. He was born on February 2, 1900.

MACDONALD CRITCHLEY was a neurologist of international renown who upheld and continued the great tradi-tion of the National Hospital in London's Queen Square. The hospital's reputation - it is a Mecca for neurologists from around the world — was founded on the work of Hughlings Jackson and Sir William Gowers in the last william Cowers in the last century, and further devel-oped by Sir Gordon Holmes and Sir Francis Walsh. Critchley was a worthy succes-sor to these neurological giants of the past.

His interests covered the whole field of his speciality. but two of what might be described as the neglected byways of neurology particularly attracted him. One was Huntingdon's chorea, that devastating form of incurable involuntary movement and dementia which creeps on insidiously in the fourth and fifth decades of life in some unfortunate families.

The other was dyslexia, the neglected form of difficulty in reading and writing that blights the lives of so many otherwise bright children; it is only in recent years that the condition has come to be recognised at all, a process in which Critchley played an outstanding part, for which he received the Sam T. Orton Award in 1974.

He was a gifted and ex-tremely popular lecturer and essayist, with a pleasing (if at times caustic) wit and a memorable turn of phrase. His lectures and essays were by no means confined to his speciality or clinical subjects. His wide-ranging mind was incapable of wearing blinkers. and the subjects in which he developed an interest included the Black Hole of Calcutta. Oscar Wilde, Samuel Johnson



and Napoleon III; to them all he brought a healthy streak of scepticism that made his audience or his readers sit up and

His long association with the Royal Navy — in the RNVR during the Second World War, and as consultant in neurology for many years was responsible for his brilliant lecture on Psychological Aspects of Shipwreck. Equally characteristic of his balanced, wide-ranging outlook were his studies of Medical Aspects of Boxing, and (with Dr R.A. Henson) Music and the

He lectured around the world, and was an honorary member of medical societies in five continents. From 1965 to 1973 he was president of the World Federation of Neurology, while at home he had served as president of the Association of British Neurologists, Master of the Wor-shipful Society of Apothecar-

ies (an appointment which gave him particular pleasure) and Dean of the Institute of Neurology. For 16 years he was a member of the General Medical Council.

Macdonald Critchley was educated at the Christian Brothers College, Bristol, and at Bristol University, where he graduated with first class honours in 1922. In addition to his appointment as physician to the National Hospital, he was neurologist to King's College Hospital, which ensured that his gifts were available to undergraduates as well as postgraduates. The successful postgraduate teacher is often not a success with undergraduates, but Critchley was a notable exception. He was appointed CBE in 1962.

He is survived by his second wife and two sons of his first marriage, one of whom is Sir Julian Critchley, the former Conservative MP for Alder-

DAVE MARR

David Marr. golfer and cancer on October 5 aged 63. He was born on December 27, 1933.

tator, Dave Marr combined a shrewd brevity and humour with the technical expertise of a man who had played the game for a long time at the highest level. On television in America and subsequently in Britain he was a fine foil to dominant commentators such

as Johnny Miller on NBC, and

the BBC's Peter Alliss. Alliss has suggested that Marr may have been more at home commentating for the BBC than on American television, where commercial breaks and promotional work had to be included. "He enjoyed golf on this side of the Atlantic." Alliss said. "He would have liked the standard of hotels over here to have been higher, the weather a little warmer and the winds softer, but he enjoyed the

finish his sentences." David Marr was the son of a club professional in Hous-ton, Texas. He and his father both had short tempers, and the two of them never finished a round together, because one or other would lose his temper

and walk off.

extravagance of having time to

speak. He knew he had time to

Marr was one of many professionals whose skills were given a final polish by Claude Harmon, the legendary professional at the ed Foot Golf Club, north of Manhattan. Others who attended Harmon's finishing school included his own four sons, of whom Butch is now coaching Tiger Woods, and Davis Love II, the father of Davis Love III, who won the US PGA Championship at Winged Foot two months ago

and represented America in

the recent Ryder Cup.

As if one such mentor were not luck enough. Marr then moved south to become an assistant professional at Seminole. Florida, where the lockers in the vaulted men's locker room. There he struck up a friendship with the late Ben Hogan, one of the greatest of all golfers, which he

Hogan would arrive at Seminole six weeks before the

treasured for the rest of his



Masters, and instruct his caddie to be ready at 10 o'clock each morning. He was so reliable, Marr said, that you could set your watch by him. "You would hear Ben's feet on the steps at 20 seconds to ten each morning. He would practise until noon, spending an hour hitting balls and one hour on his short game."

Marr recalled his last lunch with Hogan, in Fort Worth. "I looked at Hogan and he said God I miss tournament golf.' The hair on the back of my neck stood up. He was 79 at the time."

Marr won the US PGA Championship — one of pro-fessional golf's four major annual championships — in 1965. Being of slight physique,

he was competing against much stronger men, such as Jack Nicklaus, who could hit the ball much further. Marr had to make up for this with values of the game are as his accuracy and definess ingrained as the wood of the around and on the greens.

Although Marr won only three other events on the American tour, which could be described as disappointing. there was more to his life than golf. As his golfing career waxed, so did friendships with such nabobs of show business as Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby. He was a regular at Manhattan restaurants and bars, so much so that the American golf writer Dan Jenkins nicknamed him "the pro from 52nd Street*.

In 1981 Marr captained perhaps the greatest team ever to represent the US in a Ryder Cup. It included Lee Trevino, Johnny Miller, Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Ray Floyd and Tom Weiskopf, each of whom had won at least one major championship. Despite surprisingly trailing 42-32 at the end of the first day, the American team pulled away to triumph 184-92. It was the end of an era, for every Ryder Cup since then has been more evenly matched.

Marr's last assignment for NBC was at the Walker Cup at Quaker Ridge, New York State, last August. He cut a sad figure, seemingly even smaller and slighter than ever, but his obvious gauntness was offset by a dazzling smile that never wavered. After that he was too ill to work. Two weeks ago, after one of several spells in hospital, he fell and broke a hip. "I'm in worse shape now than I was before," he said. courageously. "When I saw my doctor he told me I was a mess. He was laughing at me. I tell you, I don't even get respect from my own doctors any more."

He leaves a widow, Tally. two sons and a daughter.

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Dpt TT. The Royal Air Posce Scientelast Pa of Pentagal Pages, London, With AAR To-day, twenty-one years ago, as the daylight faded on the hills above Chatham, a small group of lads handcuffed and chained as the manner was stood with their warders before the gates of the great convict prison of Borstal. Eyes looked at them through a grille. the great doors opened heavily and closed behind them and the Borstal System was born. A few cells were allotted to them, ill-lighted, worse heated and in these and surrounded by the clang and rattle of the old system began the new experiment of segregation of young offenders from old under such discipline and moral influences and with such industrial and saves lives. So do legacies other instruction (to quote the Act) as would conduce to their reformation and the preven

tion of crime,
Time passed. Those warders who could only bark were replaced by those who could and would talk to their charges; fatherly men, some of them, with perhaps unruly lads of their own, others young and smart, with ideas of drill and gymnastics which terrified slackness and built muscle and fibre on ill-

ON THIS DAY

October 16, 1923

The Borstal system was inaugurated in 1902 to train young offenders to be law-abiding citizens. As this highly-coloured account explains, a severe regime was gradually replaced by a more humane one

developed frames. Presently the convicts were swept away and the growing colony of lads was left with a great prison to destroy and a great reformatory to build; dingy cells van-ished in clouds of dust, and the hands of lads now first learning to work built new halls, a gymnasia and workshops and laid out playgrounds and beds of flowers.

In the sixth year, Parliament took note of the results achieved . . . Borstal was declared to be a Borstal Institution, a place to which young offenders might be sent between the ages of lo and 21, who appeared to be setting their faces towards a life of crime. The work grew — other

Borstals were needed. A reformatory at Feitham was taken over and adapted and, under stress of national poverty, the grim but splendidly placed buildings of the convict prison at Portland were cleared and dedicated to the work: the women's prison and reformatory at Aylesbury were handed over for the

These buildings, housing between them today about a thousand lads and a hundred girls, represent the reformation effort of the State in the case of young offenders . . . Prison rules and methods have almost wholly vanished, and every year progress is made towards a method wholly educative, in which already punishment rarely consists in more than the compulsory exercise of unaccustome muscles and the cultivation of unlearnt habits

of self-restraint and perseverance. The day's work is intentionally a long one, a fit preparation for a labourer's life outside . . . The day begins before six o'clock with a light meal, followed by physical training and a short service. Work occupies the time from eight o'clock to 12 and one o'clock to five. Tea follows, then an hour in school and a silent hour for reading and preparation. Forty utes of games, indoors or out as weather and light dictate, are followed by supper and bed at 9.30.

NEWS

India snub for the Queen

■ Buckingham Palace scrambled to play down an apparent snub by the Indian Government when it forced the Queen to cancel, at short notice, a speech at a banquet in Madras.

The Palace insisted that the Queen had not been insulted and blamed a misunderstanding for a "minor mistake" in protocol. But the unprecented ban, during an already accident-prone state visit, plunged Anglo-Indian relations to their lowest level

Star-spangled turnout for a McCartney

■ Stella McCartney revived the hippy-chic house of Chloé with her debut show for the French fashion label before a front row whose namecards represented a roll call of Sixties luminaries. Her parents Sir Paul and Linda McCartney, followed by Ringo Starr and his wife Barbara Bach were present Pages 1, 5

Fastest on Earth

Thrust SSC last night claimed an official land speed record as it again broke through the sound Page J barrier ...

EMU confusion

Business leaders called on the Government to clarify its position on a single European currency after a spate of reports suggesting Britain was poised to enter EMU

Au pair trial

Deborah Eappen, the mother of the baby allegedly shaken to death by Louise Woodward, told a tense courtroom in Cambridge, Massachussetts how a British au pair had rung her to say how he had "choked on vomit".....Page 3

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Parents are to have the right of appeal to independent panels if their children are rejected by the schools of their choice, it was announced. ...Page 5

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Deborah Parry, the nurse accused of murdering an Australian colleague, collapsed in her Saudi cell when told that her victim's brother had spared her the death penalty.....

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A surgeon boasted about the success of his complicated heart operations on babies minutes after one had died, the General Medical Council was told..........Page 7

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Magistrates' courts are to be given new powers to put teenage "bail bandits" as young as 12 behind bars, the Home Secretary . Page II

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A literary agent accused publishers of hyping minor books by a small circle of overrated authors to compete with similar ones by their rivals. . Page 12

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The Romanian Government is contemplating a dramatic move to mark the eighth anniversary of the death of Nicolae Ceausescu. the dictator - opening the files of the dreaded secret police Page 13

Roman panic Panic caused by the earthquakes that have shaken Umbria reached Rome when it emerged that a tremor had damaged the Baroque church of Sant' Andrea

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Bomb kills 11

delle Fratte...

The centre of Colombo was shattered by a huge bomb blast, killing at least II people and injuring more than 150, including seven

Switzerland sued

A British man has lodged a claim for damages from the Swiss Government to compensate for the death of his parents, Jewish refugees who were turned back from Switzerland in 1942..... Page 16

Elton John 'tell all' could fetch £10m

Elton John has sparked off a bidding war among publishers by deciding to reveal all in his memoirs. An advance of between £8 million and £10 million is rumoured. The musician has always turned down previous offers to write about himself.At least two major British publishers were last night competing in an auction at the Frankfurt Book Fair



The cast of a film on the life of Elizabeth I retreat behind yellow lines outside York Minster, doubling for Westminster Abbey.

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Rugby union: Clive Woodward, the new coach, is getting down to the serious business of preparing England for a testing autumn programme.. Page 42

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COLUMNS WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Just as there are still Anglophile Americans, there are also Americanophile English, Margaret Thatcher prominent among them. The two nations have always valued, or disliked, each other for different qualities. The great English cultural export has always been literature . . . The great American cultural export has been the .. Page 20

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The decision about the exact site for a new Scottish parliament is fast approaching, and the outcome is finely balanced. The letters columas of the Scottish papers are full

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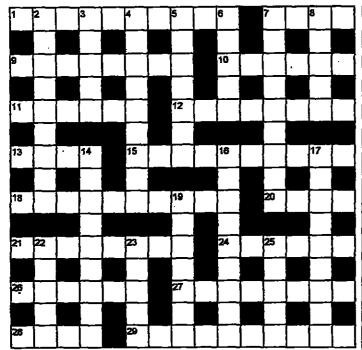
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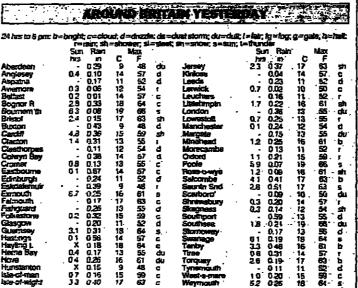
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 16 1997

New bid for MCI could give BT way out

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

MCL the American telephone group, yesterday received a third takeover bid that could free BT from its controversial \$24 billion (£15 billion) alliance with MCl and stop an unwelcome \$30 billion takeover offer from

GTE, a large local phone and Internet service provider, is to offer \$25 billion in cash for MCL Shares in GTE and MCI were suspended briefly in New York yesterday after rumours of the deal.

The news of the move came too late to affect trading on the London Stock Exchange, but BT is likely to get a boost from a GTE bid.

The new bid would allow BT to withdraw gracefully from its fraught attempt to take over MCI. BT also stands to gain a £450 million severance payment and £3 billion from the sale of its 20 per

cent stake in MCI. BT's New York listed on the news of GTE's

lieved to be worth \$38 per share. WorldCom's offer is worth \$41 per share, but, unlike GTE, WorldCom is offering a share swap not

collapse WorldCom's volatile share price, based on a priceearnings ratio of 100, would quickly devalue the

GTE and WorldCom are direct competitors in the US local phone and Internet market GTE offers its services in 27 states in the American West and Mid-West.

GTE's bid, if successful, would be the biggest in corporate history. But analysts have voiced doubts about the ability of GTE to finance a large-scale cash

The board of GTE is believed to have held several meetings yesterday. including a final one to approve the bid. However, MCI declined to comment on the offer. Commentary.



The traditional face of the Post Office, exemplified by the Bramfield sub-office and village shop near Hertford, is changing rapidly

Lloyds sets up banking deal with Post Office

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND RICHARD MILES

THE Post Office and Lloyds-TSB has struck a deal which Office to become a leading force in the delivery of high street financial services. A trial to start soon in

selected areas is expected to lead to all of clearing bank's customers being able to use their local post office as their bank. The deal follows a link with Co-operative Bank that started last year and arrange ments already in place with Alliance & Leicester through its subsidiary Girobank. The Post Office, which is awaiting the results of a government review into its future, is keen to extend such banking tie-ups with other banks.

Stuart Sweetman, managing director of Post Office's the retail arm, Post Office Counters, said: "Post offices are being transformed into the largest electronic retail network in Europe. By the millennium every post office in the country, from the largest city office to the smallest village shop, will be on-line with a computer system which will open up opportunities to de-velop new financial services." The link-up between the



Peter Ellwood, chief executive of Lloyds TSB, could cut back on more branches

bank and Post Office Counters fices. This would allow Peter will initially allow Lloyds-TSB. customers to carry out a limited range of banking transactions at 20 local offices, including cash withdrawals

and paying in cheques.

Both sides hope the relationship will develop into a fullblown banking service, available to Lloyds TSB's 15 million customers at any of the Post Office's 19,200 local ofEllwood, chief executive of Lloyds-TSB, to scale back further the bank's 2,700strong branch network.

Gordon Pell, Lloyd TSB's director of distribution, said: "Our strategy is to provide as many different points of access to our services as possible. For each of our branches there could be ten post offices in the surrounding area, many of

which are open on Saturdays." But the Banking, Insurance & Finance Union was less upbeat about the agreement saying it would lead to job

> The bank has also struck a number of other partnership deals, most recently with Asda to provide an extended hours banking service. "Conventional branches will make way for alternative branches," said a

Counters, which serves 28 million customers a week, has been steadily expanding its financial services through fornational money transfer and limited insurance products. The operation has also increased its bill payment

Alliance & Leicester, which has enjoyed a long relationship with the Post Office through Girobank, said the Lloyds TSB tie-up would not encroach on its terrority, and desribed it as a "tactical response" to branch closures in rural areas. Last year, Girobank accounted for more than 25 per cent of Alliance & Leicester's profits. Girobank is in the midst of renegotiating its contract with the Post

Office. Mr Sweetman said: "For banks and other organisations which need nationwide access for their customers. Post Office Counters can help provide that network."

The Post Office has persistently pressed for greater commercial freedom to enable fullscale expansion such as takeovers and to allow it to operate overseas.

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EU gives green light to Guinness merger

BY DOMINIC WALSH

GUINNESS and Grand Metropolitan's proposed £24 billion merger became a virtual certainty yesterday after the European Commission granted conditional approval to the drinks companies' deal. The companies have been

given the green light subject to the disposal of Guinness's Dewar's and Ainslie's Scotch whisky brands in Europe and a small number of changes to their distribution networks. They must comply within 15 months.

After the peace accord signed at the weekend with Bernard Arnault of LVMH. who had threatened to derail the merger, the last real hurdle is regulatory approval in

within the next few days. Observers believe Dewar's, which sells 700,000 cases a year in Europe, may also provide the solution to the Federal Trade Commission's competition concerns, as it is one of America's bestselling Scotch brands. Such a requirement would mean GMG sell-ing the Dewar's brand outright, making it more attractive to prospective pur chasers such as Allied Domeon and Seagram. It

Although GMG had hoped to brands, the sale of Dewar's will still leave the combined group well-represented with J&B, Johnnie Walker and Bell's. It is understood that GMG had originally proposed selling a clutch of smaller brands such as VAT 69 and White Horse in addition to Ainslie's, whose main market is Belgium.

could fetch £400 million.

The other conditions are also less than onerous. In Belgium, they must give up distribution of Gilbey's gin and Wyborowa vodka, while in Greece they will cease to run the Bacardi agency. In Ireland, the EU has demanded the sale of minority stakes in two of the three main spirits distributors.

George Bull, chairman of GrandMet, and Tony Greener of Guinness welcomed the EU announcement as "a substantial step forward to achieving the creation of GMG Brands".

Analysts also reacted positively, suggesting that the conditions would cost GMG operating profits of no more than £20 million a year. Shares in GrandMet gained 26p and Guinness added 27p. Both closed at 625p.

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WH Smith to reject

THE board of WH Smith, which met yesterday to consider revised takeover proposals from Tim Waterstone, is expected to issue a statement rejecting them by the end of the week.

The company published Mr Waterstone's proposals yesterconsulted the Takeover Panel after details were leaked to the

WH Smith, which threw out Mr Waterstone's proposal a formight ago, is meeting shareholders in the next two days to offer its justifications and to indicate how Richard Handover, who has just taken over as chief executive, intends to lead the company.

Under the revised plan shareholders would receive between 150p and 200p for each WH Smith share, plus shares in a new holding company.

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Fears of further rate rise recede

By ALASDAIR MURRAY AND PHILIP BASSETT

HOPES that the Bank of England will leave inferest rates on hold next month rose yesterday after new data showed a smaller than expected decline in unemployment and no acceleration in earn-

ings growth.

The minutes for the September monetary policy commit-tee meeting also showed that the Bank is becoming less concerned about the inflationary impact of windfall-fuelled consumer spending.
Unemployment fell by 27,800

in September to 1,467,600, or 5.2 per cent - the lowest level for 17 years. But the latest fall, the ninementh consecutive monthly drop, was below market expectations, while av-

erage earnings growth re-mained static at 4.5 per cent. Economists said the data provided some evidence that labour market activity is slowing. The separate Labour Force Survey showed quarterly unemployment declining by 40,000 - well below the rate seen in the previous quarter. The minutes of the September monetary meeting showed the monetary policy committee was unaminous in its decision not to raise rates last month. The committee concluded that economic data had been "mixed" since the previous rate rise in August and pointed to evidence that windfalls were posing a "smaller upside risk" to inflation than previ-

ously thought. But the committee, echoing comments made by Alan Greenspan in America, ex-

pressed concern that the continuing rise in stock market prices could pose a threat to the health of the economy.

Andrew Cates, UK economist at UBS, said: "While there remains a risk of a November rate rise, we believe sufficient evidence has now emerged that the economy is slowing."

But the more positive interest rate outlook in the UK did little to boost the stock market, which was sent lower by renewed fears of US rate rises. BY DOMINIC WALSH

MARTIN MARCUS, the former deputy chairman of Queens Moat Houses, sold £630,000 of QMH shares in 1993 when he realised the company's worsening financial situation would affect its annual results, the High Court was told yesterday. Mr Marcus, who with three other former directors is suing QMH for unfair dismissal, sold half his shareholding in the hotel group on February 5, the day before the closed period that preceded the scheduled publication of its 1992 results on April 7. Trading in QMH shares was

ided on April I. Michael Burton QC, for QMH, alleged that although Mr Marcus had sold the 1.1

he had done so "hours if not minutes before the closed period started. Moreover, he had done so on the basis of inside knowledge of "several crucial

pieces of information that were not at

that time known to the market". Mr Burton claimed Mr Marcus had been aware that 1992 profits would not reach the £80 million-£85 million he had led the market to expect; that there were serious problems with the OMH incentive management scheme; that the company's debts had been exacerbated by undisclosed sale and leaesback deals in Germany; that the company would breach its interest cover covenant; and that a large proportion of the anticipated

Marcus 'sold with inside knowledge' incentive scheme involving the compa-

ny's German Holiday Inn hotels. At the time of the share sale, Mr Marcus told the Stock Exchange he needed the money for three reasons: to purchase a flat for his son, to pay for an operation for his wife and to finance the acquisition of shares in Harmony Leisure, of which he was a non-executive director. Mr Burton said Mr Marcus bought just £92,000 of Harmony shares. that he was merely looking for a flat, and that his wife's operation took place two years later costing just £2,200.

The four former directors, including John Bairstow, the company's founder, will out their case next week.

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British Midland The Airline for Europe

By ADAM JONES

THE balance of power is to shift irrevocably at Lloyd's of London next year as wealthy individ-uals prepared to lose everything constitute a minority for the first time.

These unlimited-liability "names". whose num-bers have been dwindling since the ruinous losses of the late 1980s and early 1990s, will supply just 40 per cent of underwriting capacity in 1998, Lloyd's revealed yesterday.

Since 1994, money put up by companies and pooled stment funds has taken their place. Next year this orate capital" will supply 60 per cent of underwriting capacity. In 1997, it

supplied only 44 per cent.
The 1998 figures may be revised slightly before the year starts. They will strengthen calls from corporate capital providers for a larger say in the society's affairs. Lloyd's projections suggest 2,800 traditional names will have resigned this year, leaving less than 7,200.

SIB plan to boost payout fund limit

By CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, is planning to double the annual limit for the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) to £200 million because of the soaring costs of compensating victims of personal pensions mis-selling. The ICS, the investors' sale-

ty net, has to pay the compen-sation bill for victims of financial advisers that have left the industry or become bankrupt.

Since it was set up nearly a decade ago it has paid a total of £120 million to 10,500 investors in 318 firms.

As revealed in The Times last month, regulators fear that the cost of compensating thousands who had been wrongly advised to leave company schemes in favour of taking out a personal pension could push the ICS beyond its annual limit of £100 million one year's claims could be greater than the total the ICS has paid out. According to the

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Personal Investment Author ity (PIA), the retail watchdog that is veiting compensation cases for the ICS, about 7,000 cases of possible mis-selling have been found. The PIA has a further 168,000 cases to analyse. The ICS estimated that at least 16,000 cases of mis-selling would have to be compensated for — the total costs of which could reach

£144 million. Andrew Winckler, SIB chief executive, said: "The current proposals are being made as a precautionary measure in the interests of investor protection. We have highlighted that the current limit might need to be raised in light of ICS's extra case stemming from the pension review."

Ultimately, the costs of paying compensation under the ICS have to be borne by the financial services industry. Initially, it was predicted that the total bill would reach £4 billion, but some now believe it could hit E8 billion.



Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, is to appoint an independent assessor

Power inquiry launched

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AN INQUIRY has been launched into the closure of coal-fired power station units that had sufficient capacity to provide electricity for nearly a million people (Christine Buckley

Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry's regulator, is to appoint an independent assessor to advise him on decisions by National Power to close a unit at Willington and to mothball two sections at Tilbury and by PowerGen to shut a unit at Ferrybridge.

Professor Littlechild wants justification for the closures and wants the companies to offer the operations for sale or lease.

The decisions by National Power and PowerGen, the two biggest generators, to close down the three units is a fresh blow for the coal industry, which is currently negotiating crucial contracts to take it into the next century

The closures are timed for the end of March when coal contracts that were arranged by the

SHISINESS ROUNDUP

Siemens and BNFL consider merger

SIEMENS and BNFL are in talks to fuse some of their nuclear operations in a joint venture with sales of more than £900

nillion. The two companies are looking at merging Siemens' nuclear services operation, with BNFL's fuel production division. Talks could be concluded within months.

A joint venture would give both sides a stronger hand in fuel production and nuclear power plant servicing and comes as BNFL is poised to merge with its fellow state-owned energy group Magnox, which runs the older generation of nuclear stations. The deregulation of the world's electricity markets is increasing the pressure on nuclear power plant markets is increasing the pressure on nuclear power plant operators to reduce their costs and increase plant availability." John Taylor, chief executive of BNFL, said: "These talks aim to evaluate the possible benefits of a merger which could lead to winning new business whilst reducing costs and based on the services we provide to the entire customers." enhancing the services we provide to our existing customers." BNFL employs 2,300 in the UK in fuel production while Siemens' nuclear operations are centred in Germany. A merger is not expected to lead to job reductions, a spokeswoman for Siemens said.

Managers' morale low

MANAGERS complain of being constantly under pressure, often working more than 50 hours a week and feeling insecure in their job, a survey showed today. Almost two out of three surveyed by the Institute of Management said that their firm had been "restructured" in the past year, often leading to job insecurity and lower morale. Managers feel guilty about taking time off work when they are sick, according to the survey of 1,300 people, and junior and middle managers complained of being kept in the dark about their firms' plans.

Calor sells £10m stake

CALOR GAS has sold a 33.3 per cent stake in Calortex, the domestic market joint venture, in a deal worth about £10 million. Calor, which was bought earlier this year by the Dutch group SHV, sold the holding to Nuon, another Dutch group 3r.1v, sold the notiong to Nuon, another Dutch group. It will retain a 16.7 per cent holding and said the sale did not imply a loss of confidence in the domestic gas market, which is opening to competition. The sale was signalled after SHV took over Calor when it said it wanted to focus operations.

Hyder in Chinese deal

HYDER, the Welsh multi-utility, has made a £7 million investment in The China Water Company. Hyder has bought a 20 per cent interest in the business, which was set up to seek out investment opportunities for water and waste-water projects in China. Such projects are financed mainly by the public sector. Graham Hawker, group chief executive of Hyder, said: This investment represents a strategic move forward in our commitment towards low-risk growth in the

Tradepoint chief named

TRADEPOINT, the electronic market set up to rival the London Stock Exchange, has appointed Nie Stuchfield as its new chief executive. Mr Stuchfield is chief operating officer of Barclays Global Investors, the asset management arm of Barclays. Tradepoint, which lost more than £6 million in its last financial year, is hoping that the London Stock Exchange's switch to electronic trading next Monday will boost its revenues. A recent deal enables investment banks to access the new LSE market and Tradepoint on the same screen.



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CHANGING TIME



eremy Hardie, the chairman of WH Smith, has graciously agreed that his board will

consider the new takeover pro-

posals from Tim Waterstone. Not all the directors may attend

the crucial meeting in person: the problem with having high powered non-executives is that they tend to have heavy demands

on their time. Right now, Martin

Taylor is occupied with extricat-ing Barclays from BZW when he is not working out the ideal way for the Government to sort out the tax and benefits muddle.

Marjorie Scardino's priority is

reshaping the Pearson group. No doubt both of them are deeply

concerned about Smith's predic-

ament, but emergency board meetings might have to be con-

Whatever the practical prob-lems, the WH Smith board will feel obliged to examine Mr Waterstone's offer. The betting is

that they will then feel equally

obliged to turn it down.
This will naturally be frustrat-

ing for Mr Waterstone and Ian

Martin, the Unigate chairman

who has lined up beside him. But why should Mr Hardie and his

colleagues come to any other conclusion? Since a keystone of

SMITHS INDUSTRIES, the

aircraft electronics and medi-

cal pumps group, signalled

that it needs to pay more attention to lifting sales if it is

to sustain its strong record of

The highly rated company has grown rapidly on the back of acquisitions and its ability

to consistently improve its

profits margins. Sir Roger

Hurn, chairman, yesterday

acknowledged Smiths would

eventually hit a ceiling for margin improvement. He also

suggested the group's medical

increasing profits.

ducted via a telephone link.

always achieved an increase. reduction in overall margins.

The industrial division, which includes Vent-Axia fans, raised profits from £49.7 million to £60.6 million, Sir Roger Hurn, left, and Keith Butler-Wheelhouse helped by acquisitions.

Scoot poised for double

deal online SCOOT, the telephone information service formerly known as Freepages, is poised to set up joint ventures with Yahoo and Excite, two of the biggest search engines on the

Internet (Chris Ayres writes). The move will make Scoot one of the largest companies of its kind in the UK, and will intensify its rivalry with Talking Pages and Yellow Pages, owned by BT, which have

their own web site. Scoot's deal with Excite was signed yesterday, and an almost identical agreement with Yahoo is expected next week. Yahoo and Excite are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. with Scoot floated in Landon.

The company also this week signed a deal with Vodaphone, the mobile phone operator.

Bid approaches made to Etam

By Sarah Cunningham AN ADMISSION yesterday by Etam, the struggling high it ha been approached by potential bidders sent its share

price leaping 28 per cent to a yearly high of 14012 p. The company is talking to more than one suitor and is discussing the possibility of an outsider taking a stake as well

the possibility of a takeover. Stanley Lewis, chairman, whose family company, Oceana, has a 40 per cent stake, is thought likely to try to sell the stake, if not the whole company. Analysts favour New Look, the privately-owned clothing retailer, as a buyer. The company was shunned ering another attempt within the next six months. By buying Etam it would be able to use the company's listing as a way of reversing on

to the stock market. New Look, founded by Tom Singh, has expanded rapidly in the past three years and now has nearly 400 stores, compared with Etam's 216. Etam's shares plunged in

said that its interim losses would be greater than expected because of disappointing trading in June. Other possible buyers of Etam are thought to include two American retailers. The

- during an attempted float three

years ago and has been consid-

By FRASER-NELSON.

RONSON, the lighter-maker, has spent £2.8 million on an emergency refinancing package leaving a loss of £5.8 million at halfway.

The company, which is fighting a £500,000 unfair dismissal claim from Howard Hodgson and Christine Pickles, its former directors, has written off £2.5 million of stock and bad debts

in an attempt to turn itself around. It spent £230,000 on consultants to help it to find a path to recovery during the half year.

dancy costs came to £300,000, on top of a £580,000 charge for uncollected debts and returned goods and a £620,000 stock provision. Simon Cowling, chairman, gave no further news.about how takeover talks are developing. Mr Hodeson has said he is not the bidder, although he is known to have offered to buy

the 17.7 per cent stake held by Albion Fund. Losses per share sank to 5.88p, against carnings of 0.04p last time. The interim dividend was scrapped and none is expected at

Bring the board to book

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has proved relatively impervious to the needs of investors. Waterstone and his team insist that the costs of a contested bid battle are beyond their means, so they will only proceed with an offer if it is recommended by the Smith board. It would take more price tag of around £35 million for his infant Daisy and Torn than the usual muted moans of a few disgruntled institutions to persuade Hardie & Co into such business, which was rapidly reduced to just £9.7 million when action: Instead, a charm offen-sive from WH Smith is being launched, to try and persuade those disgrunted institutions that all will be well now that

in the year to August 2.

oved margins across its three divisions, the best performance came from aero-

Medical systems, the divi-

improvement in the 24 per cent margin. Sir Roger said

the company's medical mar-

aerospace industry.

Richard Handover, the long-serving insider who was recently hauled into the chief executive's chair, has taken control. Investors should be chary. It is doubtful whether even his best friends would describe Mr Handover as a man of vision, let alone a stylish retailer who can find WH Smith a raison d'etre

for the next century. Messrs Waterstone and Martin may not have the ideal solution for WH Smith - and who can blame them for being a little sketchy in spelling it out at this stage. Certainly a rather unfortunate impression of Mr Waterstone's motives and business acumen may have been given by his initial thoughts of a

division, its most profitable

business, may finally be fac-

ing some slippage in margins

after acquiring control of Ja-

pan Medico, a lower-margin

problem, as such a high per-

forming company, is to generate top-line [i.e. sales] growth with-out it being significantly at the

expense of margin." Keith But-

ler-Wheelhouse, chief executive,

said the biggest challenge was

to continue finding sensibly

Group sales rose 7 per cent

priced deals.

Sir Roger said: "Our biggest.

distribution business.



face by indicating a long-term strategic wish to continue to have an involvement with MCI need

institutions deemed the first try a trifle greedy. But Waterstone, with Warburg's backing, is making clear that there is potential to revitalise WH Smith. A change of leadership should be enough to achieve that, and it would be a telecommunications giants.
WorldCom was offering only poor reflection of investor power if a change of ownership was a

Time to take the money and run

ortune is smiling on BT. A cash offer for MCI is more than Sir Jain Vallance and Sir Peter Bonfield dare have hoped for as they pondered how they might wriggle free of their potentially ruinous liaison with MCI. Now they should take the money and scamper fast. Any

to be buried rapidly.

The BT knights owe a great deal to WorldCom for striding onto the scene, challenging their own misplaced bid for MCI and putting the company at the centre of a tussle between US

paper, which posed a problem for BT. While the company has shot up the rankings, its valuation is based on hope and crossed fingers rather than reality. Even those optimistis who had been prepared to look on WorldCom benignly must have had second thoughts when the company proudly revealed Liam Strong as the new chief executive of its international division.

Mr Strong, who sprang to fame as a very successful market-ing director at British Airways, announced that he had been impressed by the similarities between the airline business and telecommunications. Half a dozen years ago he told me he had noted similarities between the airline business and the retail industry. Thus he launched into a disastrous reign as chief exec-

utive of Sears.
WorldCom, with or without Mr Strong's best endeavours, looked like a company that could crash as fast as it had risen. For BT, the prospect of swapping its stake in MCI for WorldCom paper or hanging onto a stake in a group controlled by the Americans was hardly an attractive option.

Cash, however, is always welcome. Sir Peter and Sir Iain should say thank you to GTE and look for partnership closer to home. The obvious deal is the one that came so close to fruition a few years ago: a merger with Cable & Wireless. The restructuring of C&W, with the hiving off of the UK cable business into CWC, makes for an almost perfect fit. It would bring BT the international

scale it seeks with little in the way of monopoly to upset the regulators. If Sir lain could sort out a deal with Dick Brown, the C&W boss, then he would be free to leave BT on a high note. The rumours still suggest that Sir lain, the son of a Post Office man, would still like to prove that he can carry a top job in a different field. This would be his chance.

Post Office delivers banking solution

B ank customers, anxious to pay money into an account or cash a cheque, will feel perfectly at home in the Post Office. The same queues, the same missing staff at empty windows, the same tendency to be shut when customers might

like them to be open. But the decision by Lloyds TSB to experiment with turning post office branches into mini branches of the bank should be viewed more positively. It is indicative of the thoughtful approach of Sir Brian Pitman and Peter Ellwood, who have eschewed ambitions to be a global investment banker to concentrate If the deal with the Post Office

proceeds, it will enable the bank to shed expensive properties at a much faster rate than it has done so far without penalising those customers who like to do simple banking transactions in person. For the rest, there will be more and better telephone banking. more automatic telling machines where they are most wanted and better staffed branches for more complicated transactions.

Sir Brian knows he must compete not just with his high street rivals but with the bank of Sainsbury, the bank of Tesco and goodness knows who else may soon be muscling in on his territory. The Post Office plan could give him an important edge in the battle. But he will have to insist on better staffing levels if customers are not to be driven elsewhere. Some supermarkets promise that if queues at the checkout go beyond two people, they will open more tills.

Howard's way

THE former famous undertaker, Howard Hodgson, is still seeking compensation from Ronson for his ousting from the company in June. The catalogue of criticisms levelled against his reign yesterday indicates that the company has no intention of paying. Losses of £5.3 million and an admission that the company is in a chaotic muddle provided an eloquent indication of why Mr Hodgson is likely to be restricted to private

BBC Resources tunes into business needs

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

BBC RESOURCES, the technical and studios arm of the BBC, has been increasingly involved in making corporate videos and business television as part of its role as a separate trading

unit within the Corporation. The unit, which is expected to become a separate subsidiary of the BBC before the end of the financial year, is being encouraged to make the best use of space capacity, such as periods when

studios are empty.

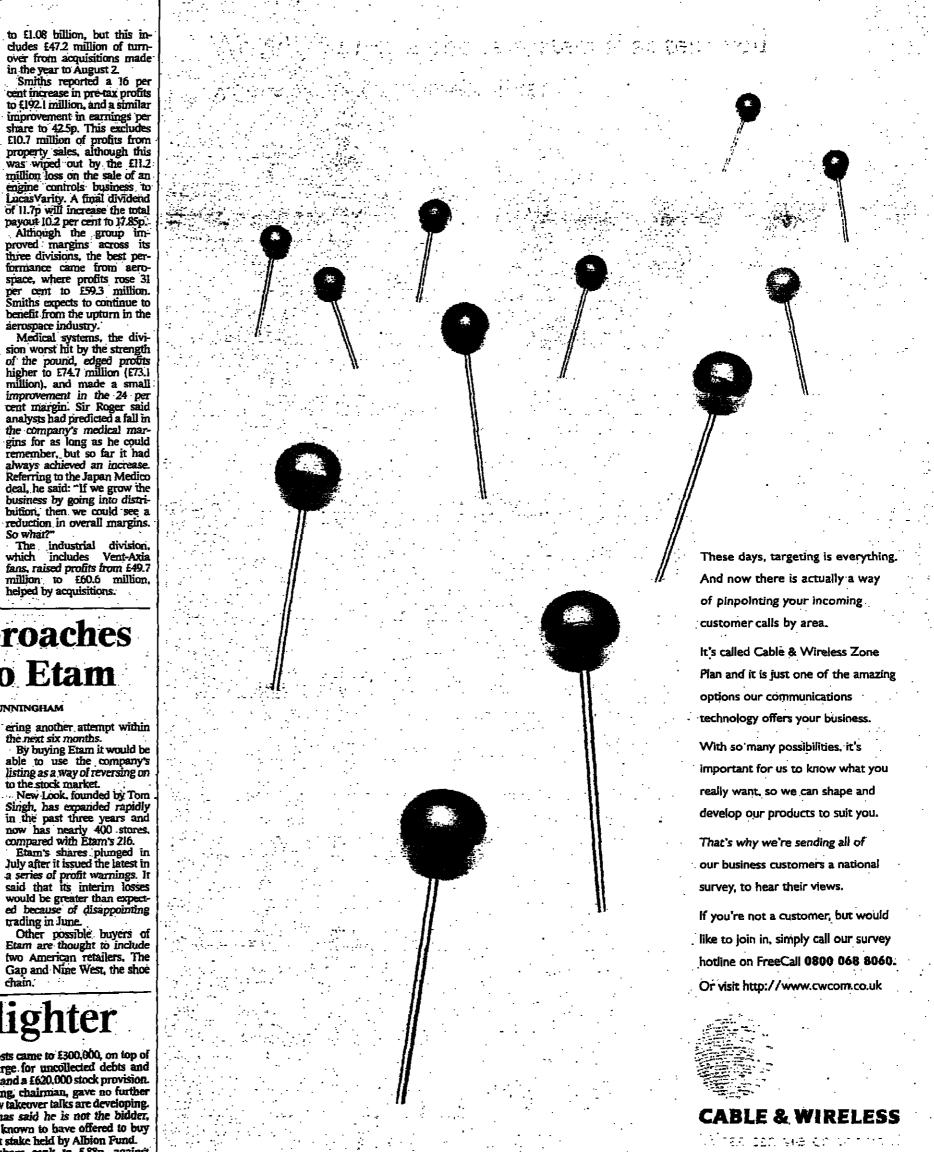
a video for the Law Society, the solicitors' body, and a video called The Wonder of Belfast for the Belfast Chamber of Commerce. BBC Resources has also made commercials for regional electricity companies.

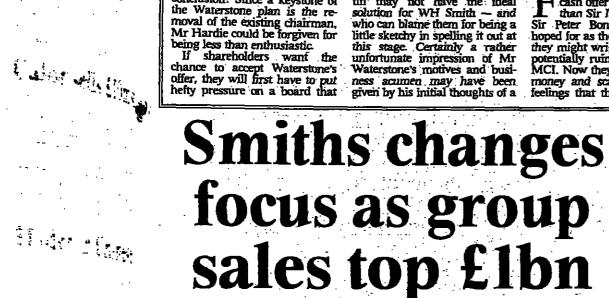
Industrial companies are starting to

notice although the BBC usually gets

its corporate video work by word of mouth, or through other agencies or production companies.

Despite the move to outside work 80 per cent of Resources' work is still for the BBC. In the 1996-97 financial year it made a trading surplus of £15 million.





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Heavy turnover in shares raises questions at BICC

THEY say there is no smoke without fire and the heavy turnover in shares of BICC this past week suggests that something is afoot.

Yesterday the price touched 19712p before being ending the day just 4p better at 1861 ap as almost 25 million shares changed hands

A number of large lines of stock have been crossed during the past few days, including a parcel of one million shares, another of 800,000 and a further line of 750,000.

Whispers within the Square Mile suggest someone might be lining up a bid for the company. The name of Wassall, the cash-rich industrial conglomerate, was mentioned, but this was quickly discounted.

Another story suggested BICC is about to dispose of its Balfour Beatty construction arm. This would certainly be a more credible explanation for the flurry of activity. It would provide the group with fresh cash resources. BICC has been under pressure in Italy. where its biggest customer has not been placing new orders. City sentiment towards BICC has been continually eroded this year, with the price siumping from 293p to 14412p.

Last year the price traded as high as 352p.

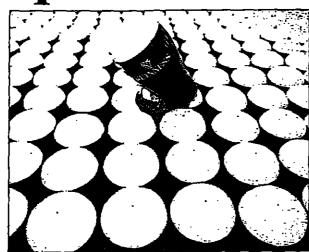
The rest of the equity market came in for another bout of profit-taking during early trading, partly reflecting the overnight setback in Hong Kong. The slide continued as Wall Street kicked in with opening losses on the back of stronger than expected US retail sales and disappointing

results from Intel. The FTSE 100 index put in a late rally and halved earlier losses. The index eventually closed 35.2 down at 5,263.7.

News of the suspension of MCI in New York came too late to affect British Telecom. which ended 12p firmer at

Oil shares finished off their lows of the day after suffering an early mark-down on the back of a weaker oil price overnight in New York. BP shed 512p at 91812p, and Shell

WH Smith came in for profit-taking, losing 4'2p at 402p. The board met yesterday to discuss the revised terms offered by Tim Waterstone's consortium for restructuring the troubled retailer. Waterstone has been forced to dilute the cash ele-



Guinness and GrandMet gained as merger progressed

ment of the bid from 200p to between 150p and 200p. The proposals also outline a

boardroom reshuffle. The profits setback at Ferguson International left the shares nursing a fall of 3112p at 11812p.

Worries about a possible rise in interest rates overnight in Hong Kong dragged share prices sharply lower, with the Hang Seng tumbling 452 points to 13,384.24, also took its tall on those companies quoted in London with ties to the former colony. HSBC fell 4212p to £19.47 and Cable & Wireless 14p to 54512p.

News of a number of bid approaches breathed fresh life into Etam, which saw its shares surge 31p to a new peak of 14012p. The women's wear retailer has struggled in recent years after a series of setbacks.

INSURERS STILL ENJOYING PREMIUM Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct

BROKERS got their wires crossed at Royal Sun Alli-ance as the price fell 132p to 631 p after briefly touching 603 p. One broker's forecasts were too optimistic and he was informed that the results may be affected by significant property losses" in the third quarter. Other brokers warning, which the company quickly denied. By then the damage had been

Earlier this week. Charles Landa at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull.

urged clients to switch out

of RSA and into Commer cial Union, up 1p at 865p, because the thinks the eroup's European operations have significantly improved. General Accident. down 36p at £11.21 is also on SocGen's "buy" list after it upgraded from a "hold" on

Meanwhile CU is being for Assurances Générales de France, which has been bid for by Italy's Assicurazioni Generali **Brokers say Generali needs** to improve the terms and will not rule out a counterStanley Lewis, chairman, owns 40 per cent of the shares through Oceana Group. Hambros jumped 1212p to

246p on whispers that plans are under way to enhance shareholder value. The merchant bank has refused to comment. Earlier this year it got itself into hot water after backing the attempt by Andrew Regan and Lanica Trust to bid for the Co-op. Hambros Insurance Hambrus's publicly quoted offshoot, was un-

Grand Metropolitan put on lop at 0.5p and Guinness 17p at 625p after agreeing to conditions laid down by the European Commission before their E24 billion merger will be allowed to proceed. GMG must sell its Euroepan interests in Dewars and Ainslies scotch whisky brands and comply with various distribu-

tion arrangements. Bullough put on 812p at 113p as one director an-nounced he had been buying shares in the company. Gordon Bond, chief executive, has bought a total of 25,000 shares ay 107p. Bullough stands just 8p below its high for the year.

Solitaire, the property services group, got off to a good start on AIM, ending at the best of the day with a premium of 3112p at 17912p.

Granada lost 1612p to 891p despite late whispers of an imminent disposal of the French motorway services business acquired as part of Forte. Autogrill, the Italian group, was cited as the likely buyer at a price of between £80 million and £90 million. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Shorter

dated issues outperformed the longer end, in spite of a stronger than expected rise in US retail sales during September, which unsettled US Treasury bonds. In futures, the December

series of the long gilt dropped E¹¹32 to £119516 as the total number of contracts completed virtually doubled from the previous day to 91,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was E716 lower at £116732, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000

finished five ticks better at NEW YORK: Wall Street was lower at midday after technology shares suffered for the second day running. The long bond, shaken by strong retail sales in September, add ed to the blue-chip slide. By midday the Dow was 32.91 lower at 8.063.38.

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Hons and rebels

STRIDING through the stately but crum-bling home of the Hambros, Sir Chips Keswick is desperate to keep the marauding nouveau riche at bay. Regent, a rebel shareholder in Hong Kong could cause trouble — there is talk of requisitioning an extraordinary general meeting. But what is to be done? So much bad feeling surrounds the bank, it could be worth less than its assets.

Sir Chips dearly wants an internal solution.

Surely, that is what the City is all about —
networking, relationships. But outsiders keep interfering. Only a few weeks ago, he had to send a stern letter to some cheeky chaps called Fisher International with an eye on the bank's 51 per cent of Hambro Insurance Services. A cash and shares offer at no less than 129p, for a business twice their size and apparently some of the institutions were rather keen.

Of course, Hambro Insurance has been a bit of a disappointment - the share price has been meandering downhill for almost two years and is still below El. Privately, one has to admit there is logic to the Fisher bid, creating the second largest firm of loss adjusters in Britain. But if Hambros bails out of insurance, where will it end? The family silver and Countrywide, the quoted estate agents will soon follow and the Hambros board will be left nannying a bunch of spottyfaced bankers. All is not lost, however, Hambros may be a shadow of its former self but it does have friends. Guardian Royal Exchange, for example. They have a stake in the bank and a stake in Countrywide, which sells their insurance. Could they be tempted to lend a hand? After all, Lord Hambro lunches in both boardrooms.

Smiths Inds

A BOUT of profit-taking followed the Smiths Industries results but, after a threemonth price surge, it was only to be expected. Smiths Industries shares had suffered from currency worries, forgetting that the company has more to worry about the dollar than the mark and the weaker pound sent Smiths bounding ahead.

Smiths has a superb record, but one or two concerns are beginning to creep in. Stripping out the contri-bution from last year's acquisitions, sales growth in the medical and industrial divisions combined is barely 3.5 per cent, even after adjusting for currencies. Smiths has for years defied the analysts who cautioned it could not continue to increase its medical margins, which now stand at 24 per cent. The

ico, a lower margin distribution business in which Smiths has taken a 62 per cent stake, brings in sight the end of that particular game.

consolidation of Japan Med-

The aerospace division was the star performer last year. Profits rose thanks to the strong revival in aircraft building. This is set to con-

tinue, but production con-

straints among Boeing's other suppliers may slow down Smiths' own order flow. The City will worry that the new focus on sales growth will be at the expense of margins. Although Smiths' longerterm attractions remain undiminished, the shares currently look expensive on about 20 times next year's usi onic

UNBOWED BY THE POUND

Tie Rack

WOULD you pay £500 for a Burton suit? Taking a brand upmarket is the most difficult trick a retailer can perform. Widening the brand franchise is easy — a simple matter of reducing prices. But Tie Rack's dilemma is that its business in the UK has reached a plateau and it needs a new angle to boost sales. Having trawled the cheap and cheerful and middle markets successfully. Tie Rack needs to convince those with fatter wallets that a bit of silk from Tie Rack will not

The answer could be in designer brands - a relatively easy option at its airport cludes a higher proportion of big spenders, but in the high street Tie Rack may have store's image upmarket.

Yesterday's weak profits were blamed on the strong pound. Tie Rack's ties do a

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buy stock priced in sterling. Assuming flat profits this year and 10 per cent growth next year. Tie Rack is looking cheap. However, growth de-pends on new stores opening abroad and more retailing risk unless Tie Rack performs that difficult trick.

curious journey from manu-facture in Italy to central warehouse in Britain before

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wide. Hence, the loss of mar-

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Ferguson

FERGUSON International is in a mess. Despite being the largest label manufacturer in Britain, profits are failing in the middle of the strongest re-

tail recovery since the 1980s. have sunk to a 13-year low. In million to £8.6 million. It is anyone's guess what treats the new chief executive will

have in store for sharehold-

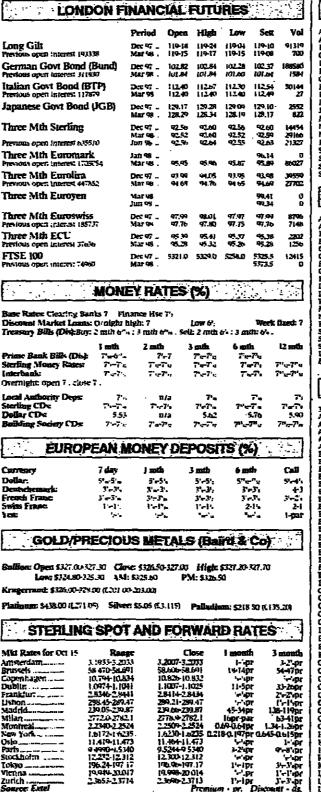
ers by Christmas. The problem has been one of management. Amid the angst surrounding the departure of its last boss, Ferguson made heavy use of consultants who, it seems, had little idea how to run a label-making business.

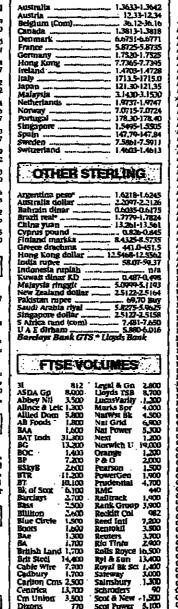
Still, most of the damage is internal. Its top line sales de-clined by only 7 per cent still strong enough to remain top dog in its chosen markets. Contracts with Next, Marks & Spencer and Asda remain intact. Such a platform must be attractive to a venture capitalist interested in a troubled business with a good market share. In the meantime Stephen Gutteridge may well deliver the kickstart Feguson needs, but the new chief exec-

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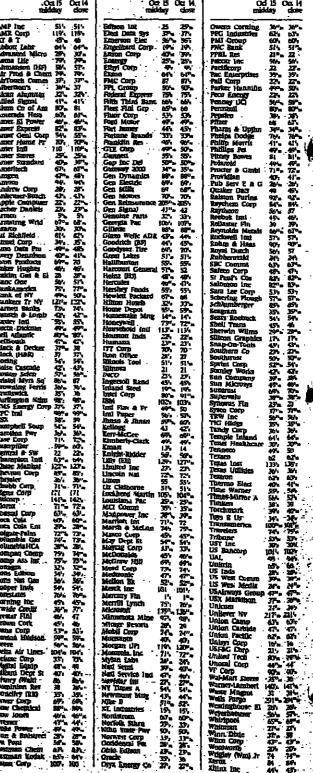
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British Land	1,700	Rolls Royce	10,500
	14,400	Ryl & Sun	13,400
Cable Wire	7,700	Royal Bk Sct	1,400
Cadbury	1,700	Sateway	3,000
Carlton Cms	2,500	Salnsbury	.1,300
Centrica	13,700	Schroders	90
Cm Union	3,500	Scot & New	930راء
Dixons	770	Scot Power	5,100
EM1	2,500	उनार हासर	-974
Energy Gp	1,700	Shell Trans	8,300
Enterpr Oil	i,500	Slebc	1,200
GKN -	1,300	5m/Li Bch	9,600
GRE	9,100	Smiths Inds	1,200
GUS.	1,200		3,400
Gen ACC	1,000	Sun Life & P	
Gen Elec	5,900	ΠGp.	725
Glato Well	4,700	Tesco	3,700
Granada	2,900	Tharres W	542
Grand Mei	5,100	Tomkins	1,500
Culuness	3.200	Lipiterer	8,700
HSBC	4.400	Ling Callides	-3:100
Hailfax	4,700	Uld News	585
Hayy	153	Vodajone -	2,800
ici -	3,500	Whithread	1.700
Kingfishtr	1,100	williams	2.300
LASMO	3,500	Wolseley	521
Ladbroke	2,800	Woolwich	7,000
Land Secs	1,300	Zeneca	. 1,700
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How much better if polluting

Toyota Motor, the Japanese group that makes cars in Derbyshire, is about to launch a potentially revolutionary car. The Toyota Prius, due to go on sale in Japan in two months: time at the UK equivalent of about £14.000, claims to be the first mass car to combine an electric motor to travel in town with a petrol engine to give freedom of the road at speeds above 30 mile per hour.

Some caution is called for. We should establish urgently if the Prius works and really uses electric power in congested areas, rather than sporting an unused add-on, if so, it should be the star of this year's London Motor Show, environmental campaigners should be dancing in the streets and Cabinet ministers should combine all their influence to have this car made in Britain for domestic and continental markets within months rather than years.

Don't hold your breath. Excitement at the Motor Show centres on a track where enthusiasts can try out gas-guzzling off-road vehicles few are likely to need in real life. vital to help ordinary folk to find

Improve our cars, don't ban them

equally irrational combination of disapproval and class privilege. The chattering classes, pausing over a brandy before they catch a taxi, agree that the great era of the car is over. You might as well pretend that the wheel had never been invented or, as Malyasia's Prime Minister did in a fraught moment, that financial speculation could be banned by regulation.

Cars are here to stay and to expand hugely in numbers as poor countries develop. Cars are a great liberator, for families to visit their cousins, for working women, for elderly folk otherwise stuck at home and for the underprivileged in urban estates who can taste the spiritual release of getting away into the countryside. In a society where, the Establishment consensus insists, jobs are transitory and factories come and go, cars are

work and survive. Transport is always a bane to those it passes, unless they profit from it. Last century, swaths of central London were degraded into slums by the intrusion of environmentally disastrous railways. Six years ago, bicycles were banned, as a dangerous menace, from the centre of Cambridge, where they had long been the model form of transport. Cars exacerbate three distinct

intelligently has also sent many town centres into a spiral of decline that planners perversely try to reverse by making incoming corne consumers unwelcome. Market approaches are more fruitful. Pollution, which wreaks most harm to urban life, imposes costs on others that are not borne by the polluter, so governments

problems: congestion, pollution and global warming. Failure to

accommodate growth in car use



EARJEANT

modest market signals converted most of us to lead-free petrol. Promoting cars that use electric power in town could require changes in licence fees, petrol tax, even VAT. Toyota's Prius aims to halve petrol consumption, which would help to market change.

That supposes governments wish to deal with the real prob-

politics elaborates old Labour's prejudice that public is good and private bad, even though public transport has been privatised. If pollution were the central concern. the priority would be to make buses cleaner, since that is much more easily done, and to question every brewery closure that multiplies ton-miles of transport. It isn't. The priority of an integrated transport system seems to be to make life hard for car-owners and push as many as possible onto buses and trains. How reactionary. Public trans

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port is better termed collective transport. It is economical only for iourneys that lots of people do together. These consist mainly of moving from suburbs to big workplaces in the centre of towns, a huge but declining market; of longdistance transport between hig centres; and short journeys within

public transport helps most to cut pollution and congestion, but there are few unhealthier occupations than waiting in bad weather after work for the privilege of straphanging among 50 people with colds. Commuter services are also the costliest to expand. Rail is aiready stretched at rush hour. Relatively few buses cover their overheads on commuter traffic alone: hence the old bangers churning out fumes the rest of the day, with hardly anyone in them.

Aside from new niches and technical advances, expanding public transport would expand the billions taxpayers pour into subsi-dies exponentially, not least for better staffing and security. Taxpayers would not volunteer, so the cost of private transport would be raised to give room for much higher charges. The net effect is merely to cut living standards, hardly a progressive policy aim.

emissions from cars in urban areas can be slashed, while allowing market forces and individual choice to cut costs and improve service. That would still leave the problems of global warming and congestion. The former is a tiny element in the key world dilemma of how to help billions of poor people in hot countries to improve their living standards without destroying the planet. It will not be solved on the streets of Islington.

Congestion has always cost money, but is automatically dealt with by market forces. If queues grow beyond the optimum length. people avoid them by shopping out of town or relocating businesses. Calls to ban inessential traffic or price low-income families off the road are attempts by the privileged to make other people suffer for their convenience.

if transport planning is to make economic sense, it must encourage higher living standards, make room for people's aspirations and revel in firms making money out

Euro just one front for America in a united states of Europe



AMERICAN AGENDA BRONWEN MADDOX

The way we see it.

America has had to
win four wars for Europe this century: the First World War, the Second World War, the Cold War and Bosnia. This was how an Administration official out the American attitude to Europe. "There is a feeling that Europeans have difficulty getting along with each other and there is by now a bit of exasperation over here, a feeling that it should now be up to Europe to reach some kind of internal stability."

That sentiment goes some way to explain the United States's curious position on the euro. The Administration wants it to happen, that much is clear. But it has been politely agnostic on the economic virtues or failings of the project.

Indeed, some parts of the Administration, and on occasion the President, appear to have politicised the issue to the point where they regard it primarily as diplomatic glue for a fractured continent. The danger is that they are ignoring the complexity of the economic problems that may follow, and the United States's. foreign policy towards Europe is resting on a distorted foundation.

Until this summer the Administration, Congress and the American media seemed to find it hard to take European monetary union seriously. But as the New York Times recently commented, somewhere along the line "it stopped being a joke". But if the quips have given way to a serious consideration, the judgment remains

a puzzie. Throughout Europe's years of wrangling over EMU, the Administration's star has remained carefully reserved, it has never entered into a dehate about whether the project is desirable for Europe early years" and that it would



Madeleine Albright is committed to the expansion of Nato, which dominates the US's European policy

or its trading partners. "It's the business," has been the start-

That tone has clearly been articulated by Larry Summers, Deputy General Secre-tary to the US Treasury, and the architect of much of America's international economic policy. In part that sanguine stance is based on the belief that the euro does not pose any immediate threat to the dollar's role in the international

During a speech in May, the first time that a senior Admin-istration official had addressed the subject, Mr Summers said that the euro was unlikely to replace the dollar any time soon as the world's leading reserve currency. He was more tactful than the Chinese Government, which last week said that it expected the euro to be a "soft and unstable currency in its

keep its foreign exchange reserves in dollars, but he made

Since May Mr Summers has spelt out several times the Administration's two main concerns about the project: that it be a strong currency, not jeopardising America's trade balance with Europe and that Europe make rapid progress in reforming its tax structures and labour markets. Without that progress, the US fears that European growth will be sluggish, restraining the market for American exports.

uropean countries. as much as Japan, were annoyed at the Denver Summit of the Eight in May when Mr Summers lectured them that the US was the "world's most flexible and dynamic economy" and that other countries "have things to learn from us". But clearly he is right to point out that Europe has neglected crucial reforms for decades and to suggest that EMU may provide a seductive distraction from making those changes. Those in Europe who assume that EMU itself will prompt these reforms, even where the pressure to meet the criteria for joining did not, are surely too optimistic.

All the same, there is something odd about the Administration's stance, which amounts to saying "it will be a good thing, if it works". As it acknowledges, the project may fall a long way short of the version that would best suit the US either in being a weak currency or in failing to pro-vide a catalyst for reform.

Yet the tone remains sanguine; the concerns are not pressed home with particular urgency or weight, despite the high chance - probability, some would say - that they

will not be met. The reticence is curious. The US is, after all, not shy about voicing its objections to the details of other countries' economic policies, notably the level of the yen. It is not, come to that, hesitant in telling Europe how to arrange its political affairs: it has pressed repeatedly this year for the European Union

to expand eastward, to accom-

pany the similar expansion of

the North Atlantic Treaty

Organisation.
Part of the answer to the puzzle lies in the President's own instinctive support for EMU: as he has made clear on this week's tour of Latin America, he has developed a conviction of the value of the economic ties that bind nations together. Somewhat to his surprise, the promotion of international trade is emerging as one of his strongest legacies, if only because cher-ished domestic projects have

been frustrated by the Repub-lican-controlled Congress. The value of economic linkages in promoting peace and stability has become one of his favourite themes.

In terms of policy towards Europe, his beliefs have bolstered the current views of some of his officials, captured in the sentiment at the start of this piece. In line with Mr Clinton's internationalist instincts, the Administration has emphatically rejected the isolationist view so ofter heard on Capitol Hill - the view that the US can no longer afford to intervene in other continents. But there is still a detectable note, particularly in the State Department, that the US would be happy to see Europe edge closer to something resembling "the United States of Europe".

n this view, EMU is just one of three strands tying Europe more closely together, along with Nato expansion and the mooted widening of the EU. Judging by the attention given to the question by senior Adminis-tration officials, it often seems the neglected one.

currently dominates the US's European policy. That is perhaps unsurprising, given the personal commitment to the project of Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State, and Deputy Secretary Strobe Talbott, as well as the US's direct interests. But it is also the simplest of the three negotiations, given the length of time Nato has been in existence. In comparison, the US appears guilty of wilful simplification in urging the US to expand at the same time. The costs of EU expansion on the richer countries, the political problems of presenting these to taxpayers, the impact on the intricate internal cross-subsidies, all dwarf in complexity the issues involved in expanding the de-

fence umbrella. In these three areas EMU, the EU and Nato - the Administration seems guilty of sometimes treating as political questions what are primarily matters of economics trade and defence. Clearly, the Administration's job is simpler the more it can treat Europe as one bloc. But that approach is a recipe for misunderstanding and disillu-sionment if the glue fails to

BUSINESS LETTERS

Not all disqualified directors are rogues From Mr Roger Reeves A disqualification order is

affected.

directors disqualified last year. mentioned in your article of October 7, and from my own experiences I believe the system requires radical overhaul as to the merits of adjudication.

Yes, I would say that, wouldn't I? However, as regards the stigma surrounding disqualification, all are tarred with the same brush as being dishonest and fraudulent, regardless of the level of severity of the reasons for disqualification. Even the Trade Minister, Nigel Griffiths, is reported as using the generalisation of unscrupulous and dishonest directors"

Admittedly, many directors go out of their way to be rogues and force their devious plans on unsuspecting customers and creditors. But many (if not the majority disqualified) are caught up in the maelstrom of complicated bureaucracy surrounding the Companies Act and are banished from the boardroom by being seen as by being sufficiently uneducated in the finer points of directors' responsibilities, with their actions (or lack of them), however, not significantly contributing to a company's commercial performance or duties to shareholders, creditors or customers.

Additionally, many are dibusinesses, being majority shareholders and beneficiaries of their own success, where the Act only serves as a textbook model in how to run the size of organisation that they never even asnire to.

The argument is often cited that if they desire to have the benefits of limited liability. then they must play by the rules: rules applicable to both league and club. Fine, but not many clubs have access to trainers and management skills which are available to the league players.

the greater terms, in the latter cases, more than likely welldeserved. So for some administrative oversights, a truly honest and upright citizen is branded for life as being an unscrupulous rogue.

Even after the term of disqualification has expired, the records of disqualified directors are held at Companies House and also by many of the credit reference

set by the court for a term of

dependent upon the severity of the misdemeanour. So in the

lesser cases of non-compliance

with the Act, such as late

returns and the like, terms of

disqualification run between

two and six years. For fraud

and dishonesty, seven to 15 years; determined by the quantum and merit of those

Being disqualified for lesser

years amounts to the same

stigma being attached as for

those who are disqualified for

between two and 15 years -

agencies. So the opportunity of obtaining a senior management position to resume an interrupted career is virtually impossible. As also is the case if one wants to take up some public position or undertake charity work. In fact a few years disqualification turns out to be a life sentence!

The DTI needs to understand the differences in style of to that of the corporate empire and amend the Act and the penalties in such a way that takes into account the fact that most disqualified directors did not meaningfully break the rules but were caught up in the web of a complicated Companies Act conspired in part to deal with those hellbent on making money regardless of legislation. Yours faithfully.

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ROGER REEVES. Moss House. Malpas, Cheshire.

Source of income? From Mr Keith Sanderson

Sir, Following the recent attack by Ian Byatt, the Direc-tor-General of Ofwat, on the level of dividend payments by the water companies, perhaps I could shed some light on their sources of income. My sister recently moved

into a new house in Nottingham and has a water meter for the first time. She has just received her first water bill for £3,665.

She tells me that the water company has agreed to investigate, as "it appears that there may be a leak somewhere".

Yours faithfully, KEITH SANDERSON, 14 Bowgreave Drive, Garstang,

Lancashire.

The mitigation of loss

From Mr Ian S.O. Williams Sir, Mr Bill Harrison of BZW is paid a guaranteed minimum bonus of £1.25 million and a salary of £300,000. Can someone explain the difference between salary and guaranteed bonus?

Mr Harrison, it would appear, is to receive a very substantial payoff from BZW even though he is unlikely to remain unemployed for very long. If Mr Harrison does get fixed up elsewhere within a month or two, the clear implication is that the normal rules on mitigation of loss will not be applied to Mr Harrison. Will an explanation for such a waiver be given to Barclays shareholders? Yours faithfully, IAN S.O. WILLIAMS,

10 Church Street, Alcester, Warwickshire.

Oily Sensation

TO THE institute of Contemporary Art next Tuesday when five newly commissioned "works of art" will be unveiled by an organisation not known in the past for its artistic temperament, the soapsuds to spot treatment giant Procter & Gamble. Saatchi & Saatchi, P&G's ad agency. has commissioned five artists whose works will feature in a £20 million campaign for Oil of Ulay, the antiageing cream, attempting to dissipate its old fuddy duddy image.



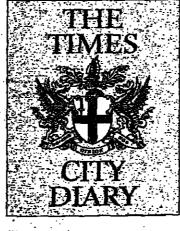
Alan Sugar: "He has ability, but seems afraid to use it"

I am particularly looking forward to the ad from Tracey Emin, which apparently will feature a pink neon sign flashing the message "Fantastic to feel beautiful". After all, is not Ms Emin the artist avidly backed by Charles Saatchi, who is not exactly a friend of Saatchi & Saatchi, having resigned from the agency he founded in protest at the firing of his brother, Maurice. Ms Emin currently features in the Royal Academy's Sensation exhibition with a tent on which is written the names of every man with whom she has enjoyed friendly relations. I trust this will feature in the new Persil adverts.

Report card

IF YOU can't get to the ICA on Tuesday then at least a trip to Hackney Community College in East London on Wednesday. Alan Sugar, a former pupil, will be making the first stop in his Treasury-sponsored 12-date tour of educational establishments to encourage young people to start their own businesses. The college has unearthed a 1960 report card which says about the future Amstrad and Tottenharn Hotspur boss: "Alan can do better than this. He has ability, but

seems afraid to use it."



has not been backward in approaching a whole host of business associates to join him in talking to schools. One surprise success has been with David Potter, the chairman of Psion, who you will remember called off merger talks with Amstrad this time last year.

I AM eagerly awaiting the results of the Retail Week awards, which include Electronic Retail Initiative of the Year, Supply Chain Initiative of the Year and the Customer Satisfaction Excellence Award. On the panel of judges is one person who can be pretty sure she won't be troubled by conflicts of interest because her com-Being afraid is not something Sug-ar is usually accused of, Indeed, he. Ann Iverson of Laura Ashley. pany is winning all the awards -

Flight-free

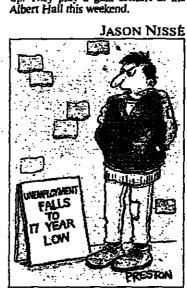
TOMORROW'S launch of Virgin Bank will be strangely low key. Because, unusually for anything associated with Richard Branson, there will not be a competition to give away free flights on Virgin Atlantic. Why can this be? Was there a lack of space on the planes? Was it felt the bank did not need it? Or perhaps the Royal Bank of Scotland objected to the Virgin promotion. Whatever, I hear there have been some interesting behindthe-scenes discussions between the bearded one and his Scottish

ON THE move again in Nigel Hawkins, the former Hoare Govett utilities guru who has been putting pen to paper at Yamaichi Securities. Yamaichi is "downsizing" in London and Hawkins is shifting to rival broker Williams de Broe. Hawkins is an avowed Tory who once stood against Tony Blair. Seeing that this may not help his prospects for government leaks on plans for privatised utilities. Hawkins recenity started following the football sector.

Band backer

A HEARTFELT thank you must be given to Christopher Rodrigues, the boss of the avowedly mutual Bradford & Bingley Building Society, who has I'm only a seasonal adjustment"

been persuaded to divert some of his members' money towards helping the venerable Yorkshire institution, the Black Dyke Mill Brass Band. Though was never a chart-topper, like its arch rival the Brighouse & Raistrick, the Black Dyke Band is famous the world over for its distinctive brand of music, which featured in the film Brassed Off. A week today will see the Black Dyke Band playing in the building society's home town of Bingley, appearing at the Bingley Baptist Church. The band should be keved up. They play a gala concert at the Albert Hall this weekend.



"I used to be unemployed. Now

WDA respects limits on assistance for investors

From the Chairman, Welsh Development Agency Sir, There have been several articles and letters recently in the press suggesting that the Welsh Development Agency had "gazumped" other regional agencies and so unfairly attracted inward investment to Wales. I would like to make

three things absolutely clear. First, there are agreed limits on the amount of assistance that can be given, which varies from area to area, reflecting European and UK regional policies. Secondly, the WDA has always and will always scrupulously respect those limits. Thirdly, in our experience investors make their choice of location on a wide

variety of factors, which in-

clude the quality, productivity and flexibility of the work-force, the infrastructure and the ability of the various bodies concerned to meet their I deeply regret the misinfor-

mation which appears to have been circulated about this matter and which is most unhelpful to the inward investment efforts of the United Kingdom as a whole. If Wales has proved attractive to investors it is for the wider range of factors I have referred to. Yours faithfully, DAVID S. ROWE-BEDDOE, Chairman, Welsh Development Agency. Principality House,

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New chief named at Hongkong **Telecom**

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

DICK BROWN, chief executive of Cable & Wireless, has been appointed chairman of Hongkong Telecommunications as part of the Londonbased international group's campaign to develop its business relationship with China. After the handover of Hong

Kong it was felt appropriate to have the top C&W executive as chairman of Hongkong Telecom. As a result, Brian Smith, who became chairman of Cable & Wireless and Hongkong Telecom in November 1995 after the departure of Lord Young of Graffham. will stand down from the

Retailer's property warning

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

THE commercial property market is in danger of sliding back into recession because of overdevelopment of shopping centres, according to Arnold Ziff, chairman of Stylo, the shoe retailer.

Mr Ziff told a meeting of the National Association of Estate Agents yesterday: "The recession that the world went property through in 1987 is fast approaching simply because of the tremendous amount of shopping centre developments that are tak-

ing place." He said Britain was in danger of becoming "truly over-shopped". Also head of Town Centre Securities. the property group. Mr Ziff said that oversupply would lead to a downturn in business for developers. whose "extreme disappointment" would be shared by "institutions who invest their funds heavily in property".



executive directors have been appointed. One is Li Ping. vice-chairman and chief operating officer of China Telecom (Hong Kong), a cellular services provider in two regions of China. In June, China's Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, ultimate parent of China Telecom (Hong Kong) took a 5.5 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom. Hong Kong's only full-service telecommunica-So far there has been no

board representation for a unit of China Everbright Holdings, controlled by China's State Council, which has a 7.74 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom. Linus Cheung, Hongkong Telecom chief executive, said yesterday that in future the structure and composition of the board would be reviewed regularly and there might be either additions or deletions.

Cable & Wireless already has a number of joint projects in China including a marine cable-laying operation. But at the moment foreign com-panies are prevented from taking equity stakes in Chi-nese telecommunications organisations.

This rule was recently waived to allow an international placement of shares as part of the flotation of China Telecom (Hong Kong). The international placement was believed to have been 20 times subscribed by Tuesday's deadline for applications by institutional investors. Dealing in American depos-

itory shares of China Telecom are scheduled to start in New York on October 22 and in Hong Kong the next day.

Cable & Wireless would be interested in taking equity stakes in Chinese telecommunications if the rules are



Hands on: Dick Brown will aim to develop the company's business relationship with China

Advertisements appeal to a captive audience

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

AN ADVERTISING company has discovered a fertile new arena for its advertisements on the back of toilet cubicle doors and at eye level on urinal walls.

The adverts have been

launched this week in the lavatories of shopping centres and motorway service areas. Loaded, the young men's magazine, features heavily in the new EyeSite adverts in male lavatories; Aristoc Hosiery in female washrooms: and Johnson & Johnson in baby changing areas in shop-

ping centres and motorway

services. "They do hit you. You can't avoid them," said Andy Wigmore for Admedia, which was set up in 1995 to explore new forms of advertising. The changed to allow it.

company called in Aric Sigman, a consultant psychologist, to identify new advertising opportunities.

Dr Sigman realised that the ideal environment to stimulate purchasing would be one where consumers were in "a retail state of mind" but where there was also sensory deprivation. He ruled out the pub as an advertising location because people were not bored, possibly not sober and were hardly in a retail frame of mind. Cinema advertising is directed at an audience sitting in the dark who cannot move to buy any of the things

The search led to the rest rooms of shopping centres and the backs of cubicle doors where people will read any-

advertised.

thing, even the most unfunny graffiti, and they are often in the middle of a two or threehour shopping expedition.

Admedia is now selling

national advertising packages in 160 of the biggest and busiest shopping centres, where it estimates 102 million male impacts -- one male seeing one ad - a year, and 193 million female impacts. Research suggests that between 82 per cent and 95 per

cent of visitors to motorway service stations use the washrooms. Admedia believes that to add up to more than 228 million male impacts and 211 million impacts a year. National campaigns ready booked on EyeSite in-

clude: Lipcote Cosmetics and

Acclaim Computer Software.

to make chief £3.8m

Business

channels

near to

merger

By Our Media Editor

EUROPE'S two 24-hour busi-

ness television channels. CNBC Europe and European

Business News, are close to a

Business News, are close to a merger because of the difficulties of establishing a pan-European business TV business.

Both services, which operate out of London, are believed to be heavy loss makers. EBN is a joint perpendicular between the Doublest London.

venture between the Dow

Jones organisation and Flex-tech, the cable and satellite' channel group. CNBC is a wholly owned subsidiary of

The aim is to try to complete

a global deal between the two companies, which would in-clude the Dow Jones tele-

vision network in the Far

East, Asia Business News, by

the middle of next month.

The CNBC name would

survive the planned merger. It is likely that in Europe a lot of

EBN's programme making

capability would survive. It is less clear what would happen

to FT TV. part of Pearson Television, which supplies the morning segment of CNBC's European output.

As a 30 per cent shareholder

in EBN, Flextech would have

a blocking vote in any deal.

Flotation

NBC, the US TV network.

MARLBOROUGH International. Ireland's largest re-cruitment firm, said David McKenna, its managing di-rector, will make £3.85 million through its planned flotation in London and Dublin. Mr McKenna bought the

business name in liquidation in 1992 for 1r£6,000. The group is due to float on the Alternative Investment Market in London and the developing companies market in Dublin, After the float Mr McKerma will hold a 52.95 per cent stake in the group. The group said it plans to issue 10.416.666 ordinary shares at 96 Irish pence (86.5p) each to raise IrE9.41 million (£8.84 million), net of ex-penses. Of this, the group will

receive £4.99 million and Mr

and Mrs McKenna the re-

maining £3.85 million.

Lasmo funds project through debentures

LASMO, the oil and gas exploration company, may sell \$600 million (£372 million) in guaranteed debentures, which will be used mainly to fund the company's entry into Venezuela for a field redevelopment project. Lasmo will file a preliminary prospectus supplement with the US Securities & Exchange Commission for the possible sale of the debentures, which are expected to be in two tranches of 20 and 40-year maturity.

Lasmo said exploration activity over the 70 per cent of the

Dacion area that is unexplored is expected to offer further material reserves potential. The company said its development plan for the first phase of the project targets increasing production from the known discoveries to 90,000 barrels per day by 2001. Lasmo's share of the proved reserve base will be about 175 million barrels of oil at December 31.

Mulberry store plan

MULBERRY GROUP plans to open its first standalone store, Mulberry Home Store, in King's Road, Chelsea, where Mulberry has recently acquired an 8,000 sq ft store. The company said the latest store, which is due to open in November, will display an extensive selection of Mulberry products. The total cost of the lease and the conversion of the store is expected to be as low as £100,000. Mulberry shares remained unchanged at 121 ap yesterday.

Total Vietnamese deal

TOTAL, the French oil group, has obtained a licence to build a \$6 million (E3.7 million) liquefied petroleum gas bottling plant in a joint venture with the state-owned Sea Products 404 in the Mekong Delta of southern Vietnam. Total will own 60 per cent and Sea Products 404 the other 40 per cent. The plant is expected to come on stream at the beginning of 1999. Total already has two similar plants, in the northern port of Haiphong and Ho Chi Minh city in the south.

T&S bid unconditional

T&S STORES has received acceptances for its offer for M&W. the rival convenience store group, in respect of 16.3 million shares, representing 96.68 per cent of M&W shares. Of the total received by Tuesday's first closing date in the bid timetable, holders of 9.3 million shares had opted to take cash — the remainder having taken loan notes. The offer has therefore become unconditional as to acceptances but will remain open until October 28. T&S Stores rose 2p to 1922p.

Blockleys back in black

BLOCKLEYS, the building materials group, returned to the black in the first half, registering a £127,000 pre-tax profit in the six months ended June 30, compared with a £54,000 loss. Earnings recovered to 0.34p from a 0.16p a share loss and a half-year dividend of 0.15p (0p) will be paid. Brian Taylor, the chairman, said: "While the first half of the year represented an improvement . . . current indications are that the extent of this upturn will not be maintained during the second half."

TayWood guarantee

THE Export Credits Guarantee Department, Britain's official export credit agency, said it will guarantee a \$200 million (£123.6 million) loan provided to help a venture, comprising a subsidiary of Taylor Woodrow, the builder and contractor, and Skanska Construction, the Swedish building and construction giant, to construct a transport and commercial centre in St Petersburg. The ECGD said the loan is to be arranged by Credit Agricole Indosuez and SBC Warburg Dillon Read.

ACCOUNTANCY

Arm's length is too distant

Allan Taylor examines the impact

of applying the self-assessment

rules to company transfer pricing

elf-assessment is already here for individuals. Within 18 months, it is cheduled for companies. Last Thursday an Inland Revenue consultative document gave us details of how the biggest international tax issue of all transfer pricing - will fit into

Currently UK members of multinational groups have no obligation to declare profits for tax purposes using so-called "arm's-length" prices for goods, services, finance or intangible assets sold to other members of their group overseas. Hardpressed governments, keen to protect their tax take, consider the matter is of great impor-tance. The US and Australian Governments have been rigorous in insisting that companies sell at the same prices to group

members as to third parties. In the current UK system, tax inspectors monitor tax returns and only if the Revenue Board gives its approval, a so-called direction, can company profits be adjusted. Under self-assessment, it will be the obligation of multinationals to adjust the profits it declares for any intragroup transactions not made on what the Revenue is satisfied is an arm's-length basis. Experi-

Crunch time at

Somerset House

the real crunch comes next

ence from Australia and the US tells us that revenue authorities tend to increase audit and investigations activity once selfassessment commences. The Revenue's own figures show that for every El spent on investigations of transfer pricing, £120 is recovered in extra tax. Transfer pricing, once selfment starts, will undoubtedly be a key area for investigation under the Government's Spend to Save initiative. One of the key areas of such

inquiries will be documentation
— it will be incumbent on every company to keep details of all intra-group transactions. The Revenue has largely dismissed this issue but, with 23 different sets of documentation set out in the consultative document, this will be more of a compliance burden than they give credit for. Under the present system, there are no penalties. But with

the new proposals, companies not adjusting profits to the Revenue's satisfaction risk substantial penalties. It should also be remembered that reducing a group member's profits can change the financial data upon which management decisions are based.

But how likely are companies to go wrong? Considering trans-



Allan Taylor says disagreements are almost certain

fer pricing is an inherently subjective area - there is no right or wrong transfer price disagreements are almost certain. And the Revenue has certainly taken the opportunity to extend the legislation her-alded in July's Budget. For a start, we can no longer just talk

about transfer "prices". The consultative document introduces a new concept - "arm'slength provisions" - which is not satisfactorily defined or explained. It appears to bring all the terms and conditions of inter-company transactions into the picture, such as the length of an agreement which might be amended to satisfy arm's-length principles. This would appear to be another area of

Far more transactions have now been brought into the transfer pricing net - all financial transactions will be included, such as loans guaranteed by a parent company, which is not currently affected. The proposals intend to disallow interest on part of a bank loan which the Revenue believes has only been made because of the comfort zone provided by the affiliate. The same schedule also ex-

tends the definition of "control" significantly, from its current limitation to control by shares, voting power or articles to control by any means". Under this definition, control will also include 40 per cent participation in a joint venture.

The Revenue points out that its motivation is one of fairness. After all, if one company follows arm's-length principles to the letter so should another.

But what happens to the firm that reports its accounting profits properly but has not adjusted them for arm's length? Will they have past years' assessments reopened? Bringing transfer pricing into self-assessment is a shift of responsibility from tax authority to taxpayer and there are questions raised by the document that need to be

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As vermouth skips past a dry Martini

Robert

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INVESTORS have traditionally been poorly served by accountants. The company news that an investor sees in the financial pages of a newspaper are the figures that have received the lightest of touches from an independent auditor. The figures that the auditor will have the greatest impact upon are the ones that rarely appear in the papers.
It is partly history that is to blame. All those

arguments about accountants looking at the past rather than to the future are true. The full report and accounts are the figures that hear the heaviest impress from an auditor's thumb. They are published months after the time to which they relate and, because they contain no headline figures that have not been announced before, they are ignored by the newspapers. Analysts are no better. They may claim that they go through the mass of figures with an analytical toothcomb. But generally they are too busy breaking the news of someone else's preliminary figures, which will drive the day's dealing, to be bothered with what appears

to be old news. It is a pity. It was Polly Peck International's full report and accounts that famously included the relevant figures and explanations of accounting policies deep in the notes which if read perceptively, could be found to contain the seeds of the company's destruction.
The figures that investors.

and sometimes share prices. jump to are companies preliminary announcements and their interim results. Both skip past the auditors in the same way that ver-mouth skips past a dry Martini. The presence can be discerned in the air, but not much in the substance of the matter. Interire results do

not have to be audited. Preliminary figures only need to be agreed by the auditors. The result is that to all intents and purposes the second half of most companies' financial years are never properly analysed or publicised. There is some analysis of the full year's figures when the annual report comes out. There is some analysis of the first half, when the interim report is published. But the second half is lost in the heady process of stripping out the headline figures for the full year from the preliminary results. The result is that investors can read some good analysis of the first half and some reasonable analysis of the full year. What no one can properly get their hands on is analysis of the second half of the year as a distinct period. And this, as all auditors know, is a pity because typically all the

nasties are tucked away into the second half. So the current efforts by the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) should be applauded and encouraged. In the past three weeks it has published a guidance statement on interim reports and proposals for what it calls a "best practice" statement on preliminary results. The importance of this area of reporting is likely to grow enormously in coming years. The full year's reports and accounts, which have grown in size in recent years, will increasingly be consigned to their correct place as reference material. But as the influence and possibilities of technology have a greater effect on financial reporting it is likely that it is the most immediate and urgent figures that will become the focus of

Hence the need to bring some order and guidance to them now. The ASB is treading carefully. It sees this as an area like the operating and financial review, another crucial item of financial reporting, but one where best practice rather than

mandatory rules drive the quality of the information. The problem is that there are two opposing forces at

work. These are the users and preparers of accounts. The users increasingly want the information in as clear and timely a form as possible. The preparers, somewhat strangely, still argue that all this speed, efficiency and clarity is irksome. The draft guidance on preliminary announcements suggests that "companies should be encouraged to issue their preliminary an-nouncement within 60 days of the year-end". Given that some giant American corpo-

rations manage the an-nouncement within 12 working days, that does not seem onerous. Yet the ASB found considerable opposition. "There will be an enormous argy-bargy over this," one member said. Allan Cook, technical director, said: Quite a lot of people will be jumping up and

down over that." Equally, there is likely to be opposition to the idea that companies should explore methods of getting preliminary announcements to all of their shareholders at the same time. Currently, companies send them to those people, such as institutional shareholders and analysts, who can do them a bit of good in the market. Ordinary shareholders tend not to be sent them as a matter of course. As with so much in financial reporting, it is the companies and their finance directors who are the most short-sighted of all.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

THE Inland Revenue, recovnot coping with the system," ering from its influx of selfassessment forms, should take notice. In the latest issue of Taxation Practitioner, the magazine of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, the instirute president, John Andrews, of Coopers & Lybrand, issues a warning. He suggests that tax advisers may currently be all nice and smiley about selfassessment, but he says that may not last too long. When

he says, "the Inland Revenue may not be able to remember how hard it was to comply." Members are asked to send in a "selection of some of the nonsenses" that they are suffering. And next January they will be dropped from a great height on Somerset House.

Open or closed?

WORRIED staff at the English ICA are looking for a sign. January and taxpayers are The Gerrard report into the being regarded as failures in governance of the institute

called for all manner of sweeping changes, in particular examining the way in which the secretariat tends to multiply in a direct relationship to the amount of dissatisfaction that members register. Next month the institute's council is to debate the actions it intends to take over the report. It has yet to be decided whether or not this will be done during the first, open, section of the meeting, or behind closed doors. The omens are not good. During the previous dis-

cussions of Gerrard even the

institute's chief executive was barred from the meeting. But there is a suggestion that the nature of the day of the meeting may determine the issue. Guy Fawkes Day is not thought to be a good time for rulers to upset the ruled.

Plenty of nothings

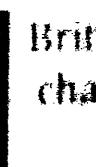
JOHN WHITING, head of tax at Price Waterhouse, has invented a new classification of taxable items. He calls them "nothings". These are items of

you or me but which get no tax relief. Under the aegis of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, he has prepared a 65-page report detailing more than 280 different "nothings" to be sent to the inland Revenue. For example, if an employee loses his job and pays for outplacement counselling he cannot claim it against tax. But if his former employer pays for the service it will be free of tax for the employee and tax deductible for the employer. Whiting wants a proper review of "nothings". Like all good tax advisers he wants something for "nothings".

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Chief to go

as sterling

puts the

squeeze on

Tie Rack

By Sarah Cunningham

THE strong pound has led to a sharp fall in half-year profits at Tie Rack, the acces-

The company, which has 249 of its 419 stores overseas.

said that the strength of

sterling had lopped about £500,000 off its interim pre-

tax profit and will also hit

earnings in the second half.

The company also announced that Nigel McGinley is stepping down as chief executive in February. Mr McGinley, who will not receive any company of the control of the control

ceive any compensation pay-ment from the company, will

stay on as a non-executive

His duties will be shared by

Brita Eickhoff, who joins the

board as joint managing di-

rector, and Ronnie Flax, who

will move from retail director

to joint managing director.

Martin Morgan, property director, will become deputy

chairman with responsibility

for property and international

business. Roy Bishko, chair-

man, said his own responsi-

bilities will not change as a result of Mr McGinley's

Pre-tax profit in the six

months to August 17 fell from

E604,000 to £158,000. Turn-

over crept up 0.5 per cent to

£48.9 million, but was 7 per

cent ahead at constant ex-

Despite the profits setback, the company is continuing its

expansion programme and

also plans to step up the pace of store refurbishments.

The company will pay an unchanged interim dividend

of 0.6p on January 13. Its

shares fell 42p to 1272p.

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FERGUSON International,

Britain's largest label manu-

facturer, admitted that man-

agement blunders have cost

the company £500,000 in the

Stephen Gutteridge, the

new chief executive, said prob-lems with moving its main

label factory had forced the

group's pre-fax profits down to

£4.46 million (£5.99 million) in

He coupled the news with a

warning that September or-

ders had been much slower,

making a full-year recovery unlikely. The shares dropped

31 ap to a new low of 118 ap as

analysts downgraded full-year

forecasts from £10.6 million to

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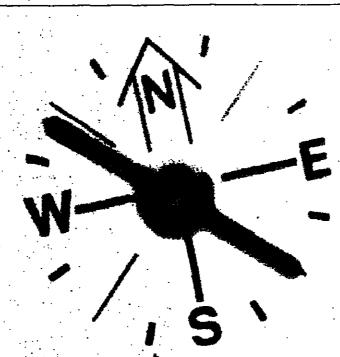
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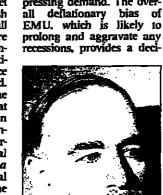
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objective of economic policy is to reduce and, where possible, entirely eliminate, the needless economic and social waste caused by idle productive resources notably by unemployment. For this reason Keynesian economists and politicians who claim to be dedicated to the goal of full employment should be opposed to European monetary union. EMU, as envisaged in the Maas-tricht Treaty, explicitly fails Expansion still the aim for new Tie Rack team: from left, Martin Morgan, Roy Bishko, Brita Eikhoff and Ronnie Flax to address the problem of Blunders over factory utilisation of resources. The main economic objectives of EMU seem to be the maintenance of price stability and the promotion of what Keynes called "sound finance" cost Ferguson £500,000 meaning tight fiscal and monetary policies regardless of economic circumstances. These objectives are clearly reflected in the Treaty's con-

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maintaining employment or stabilising economic cycles. EMU was clearly inspired by the laissez-faire monetarist doctrine that freely operating market forces, unhindered by inflation and market rigidities, will always push the economy towards full employment. It therefore confines the role of government to promoting competition and maintaining price stability by curbing demand. Keynes refuted this doctrine on the obvious grounds that the levels of total production and employment in a free enterprise economy are determined by the volume of total real demand. There was no a priori reason, or historical evidence, for expecting the market mechanism invariably to generate the volume of total demand that would ensure the optimum utilisation of productive resources. Hence the need for government intervention to regulate



damage your wealth sive reason for Keynesians to reject EMU.

speak out

EMU says

Eprime Eshag finance targets embodied in the convergence criteria of

expansionary measures that the authorities can undertake to offset any slackening of investment or consumption demand in the private From time to time, this debt, but say nothing about bias is likely to become more pronounced because of the deflationary measures taken to deal with price rises, in

line with the monetarist requirement to respond to all inflationary signs by de-pressing demand. The over-

Keynsians should all

Promoting 'sound

finance' can seriously

against

EMU will exercise a noticeable dellationary bias in the economies of member countries, as indeed all "sound" finance policies have done in the past. This is largely because the achievement of the targets in question will inevitably limit the scope of vergence criteria, which set maximum limits to inflation. budget deficits and public

For Keynesians there can be



no doubt that the "sound"

But staying out of EMU will only save Britain from the folly of undertaking an international legal commitment to "sound finance" targets, as specified in the Maastricht convergence cri-teria. It will not, unfortunately, put an end to the unnecessary economic sacrifices imposed on the British people by domestically im-posed "sound finance" targers, as long as both political parties remain firmly committed to monetarism. Perhaps the most depressing and, for Keynesians, irrational feature of the present economic scene in Britain and much of the rest of the industrial world is the simultaneous sight of two contradictory phenomena. Potentially very rich countries plead lack of resources as a reason for failing to cater to the basic needs of their people for health, education and shelter and for cutting essential social services and wel-

trary financial targets. All this has serious political implications. There is a real danger that the persistent commitment to monetarist "sound finance" targets by major industrial countries, whether through EMU or independeatly, will prolong the de-pressed conditions in the world economy. Such conditions provide a fertile ground for the growth of crime as well as of extreme right-wing, racis and anti-foreigner nationalist meaning Germans, shocked by the votes east for neo-Nazis in Hamburg's recent election and wondering what has hap-pened to their country's postwar liberal consensus, might do well to reflect on the impact of monetarism, EMU and

fare. Yet these same

countries are willing to toler-

ate the waste of even greater

resources due to the unem-

ployment caused by arbi-

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'sound finance".

British adviser on US fraud charges gives himself up FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN SAN FRANCISCO

pany to put on a series of over-night runs and incur other

The company blamed its

September slowdown on poor

summer retail sales. It claims

to have about 20 per cent of the

clothing labels market, and 25

per cent of the trade for self-

adhesive supermarket labels.

13.7p, barely covering the 13.3p

of dividend that the company

has promised to maintain. In

July the company said that its

operating profits would be

Mr Gutteridge, who has been in the job for two weeks,

said the company had suffered

six months of problems and was preparing for six months

close" to £10.6 million.

Earnings are expected to be

expenses to meet deadlines.

A FUGITIVE investment adviser suspected of cheating elderly clients and banks of

18 million - putting the company on course for its

Mr Gutteridge said: "There

was a poor management pro-

cess with a lack of control in

key areas. Moving factory is a

complex process — we did not adequately plan the move, in

order to meet targets. With the

advantage of hindsight it was

He added that the half-time

figures included a "modest"

payoff to David Watson, his

predecessor, who resigned in

July.

The new factory, which generates £25 million of sales

a year, is up and running, but

disruptions in every part of the label process forced the com-

not well managed at all."

worst results for five years.

millions of dollars surrendered to American authorities. The FBI had feared that Bickerstaff, 38, had fled to Britain while under investigation for bank fraud.

As a British citizen, he could not have been extradited. George Grotz, an FBI spokesman, said Mr Bickerstaff, who faces two charges of bank fraud, turned himself in with his lawyer to Michael Yamaguchi, the US Attorney. "He will be afforded an initial

Olsen floats

its energy

offshoot

FRED OLSEN Energy ASA opened on the Oslo bourse at

193 crowns (£16.90) per share. The company provides drill-ing, floating production and fabrication services for the

offshore oil and gas industry and was formed earlier this

year from the oil industry

interests of Fred Olsen, the

Norwegian shipping and oil

services group. Fred Olsen Energy activi-

ties include a large share-holding in Harland and Wolff, the Belfast shipyard,

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Olsen Energy is 1.16 billion

appearance tomorrow before US magistrate Maria-Elena

James," Mr Grotz said. Mr Bickerstaff left a wife and two children behind in his Mill Valley home in August as civil suits and federal agents closed in. He did business in the San Diego and San Francisco areas under the names

Bickerstaff Associates and BFA Financial Services Inc. An arrest warrant accuses him of defrauding federally insured banks by taking out up to \$800,000 (£496,000) in loans shortly before he fled.

has broadened to include accusations that Mr Bickerstaff cheated his investment clients by issuing them phony brokerage statements. He used simi-lar statements as collateral for his loans with

of stabilisation. He is not

planning to mount'a recovery

In spite of the troubles with

its underlying business, the

company is still pressing

ahead with its startup label factories in China and Sri

Lanka - although they are

still loss-making, with no prof-it expected until 1999.

third-quarter report to calm

nervous investors. Its shares

have already lost half their

Earnings dropped to 8p (10.1p) a share, from which an

interim diviend of 4.5p will be

value this year.

paid on December 5.

The company is to produce a

until the next financial year.

the FBI said. The FBI is uncertain how many clients Mr Bickerstaff had, but estimates the number at close to 100. Mr Bickerstaff was fined \$50,000 in 1995 by the National Association of Securities Dealers for falsifying a customer's signature and making false representations

But the FBI investigation over an insurance policy. New prawn cocktail on Beefeater menu

PRAWN cocktail, a staple of the Beefeater menu for the past 23 years, is to be given a makeover as part of a £50 million revamp of the chain by Whitbread, its parent company.
Simon Wood, Beefeater

managing director, said the brand was being repositioned to recognise the transformation of the eating-out market over the past few years. He added: "It's no longer a treat reserved for special occa-sions. New freedom means everyone can eat outside the

home at will as a normal part

After extensive research and

trials, the group's 300-strong

way, and a stake in Callon Petroleum in the United of modern life. This, in turn, had led to greater competition and to greater expectations The share capital in Fred from customers."

By DOMINIC WALSH chain of restaurants is to be updated - from staff uniforms and training to food There will also be a new TV advertising campaign. While keen to distance itself from the

old steakhouse image, the group will continue to focus on classic British staples. Eric Hanson, the brand's food development manage and a former leading chef said prawn cocktail would remain on the menu. "We've taken it and improved it. It

flavours, better colours and, actually, more prawns." But there was bad news for black forest gateaux lovers. Mr Hanson said there were no plans, for the time being, to

reintroduce it to the menu.



"Is there a major Internet provider that wasn't born in the USA?"

With most internet providers, talking about football or fags can cause serious misunderstandings. Being based in the States means that their chat rooms and forums have a distinct American flavour. Or rather, flavor. LineOne, on the other hand, is a

British information and Internet service which focuses on British interests and issues by timedice and the internal HEEL CALOROO 1777 270





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As the Queen continues her State visit to India, Christopher Thomas reports on a country propelled by market forces into the 21st century

A giant stirs from the heat and dust

vastly different from the one she last visited in 1983. Even a glance at the unsightly advertising billbuards towering over the main city streets will have conveyed to her a country that has shed the past, its attitudes and expectations swept along by exposure to international television and a new political language demanding what India has always resisted - change. The old leftist ideology is dead, except in nostalgic echoes in Calcutta and Kerala, and even there it is mostly rhetoric.

Those billboards show foreign cars and washing machines: they advertise mobile telephones and expensive watches, bombarding a country with temptations that almost nobody can indulge.

This is the paradox of the new India. The well-to-do are a tiny minority, but to reach them the advertisers must expose the poor to the frustrations and restlessness that come with

seeing how the moneyed classes live. The rich were never obvious before. Now they are exposed to the people through an explosion of commercialism that is propelling India into escalating change - socially, political-

ly and economically. Those changes are manifested in the arrival of low-

easte political power in the northern Hindi-speaking heartland, the "cow belt", and in the decline of Brahminical dominance of the political apparatus in Delhi. If the Queen had entered the warren of middle-class streets in southern New Delhi, she would have seen manifestations of fear, or at least of insecurity, among the haves. The have-nots are less timid, the domestic servants less servile, and as their assertiveness rises, so, silently, do

the defences of the better-off. Tall iron gates are rising out of middle class streets, blocking their entrances and exits at night, and neighbourhood guards wander around, softly blowing their whistles to each other to indicate all is well. These gates and guards were not much needed live years ago because there was relatively little

The India the Queen has crime, but burglaries are up, the servants are untrustworthy, the

changeless world has gone mad. in the driveways of some of these houses there are new Ford cars. produced in India, and even the occasional Indian-assembled Mercedes gleams, replacing the onceubiquitous Ambassador, that 1950s clone of the Morris Oxford that so summed up a timeless country that moved with the speed of continen-

The rich and the middle classes used to drive the same make of car because there was hardly anything else on offer. The wealthy bought nothing on the domestic market because there was nothing to buy. since imports of non-essentials were mostly banned.

The new displays of wealth are shocking to poor Indians. Even in the remotest village, people are aware for the first time what the world outside, and what rich India

The logo marking 50 years of independence

is like. The middle classes now know they were conned by obsolete goods sold by Indian manufacturers who had a captive market. India was still producing the twinnıb washing machine 40 years after it disappeared from the rest of the world; its refrigerators clunked inefficiently; its power-gobbling air conditioners roared like jet engines, the telephones were a joke. People were offered only third-class standards, and did not know it.

The new India is being propelled by market forces into a revision of efficiency as it moves uncertainly away from isolation and protectionism, exposing it to a competitive world once all but excluded.

At some of the staged meetings on her schedule, the Queen may be meeting a new kind of rural Indian. not the sheltered, unknowing perhas seen television, studied the commercials, even read the papers.

She may be meeting women who no longer want 12 children, women who choose to be sterilised - the most common form of birth control - after two or three babies. If she were to walk into a village shop, she would see toilet soap enclosed in fancy wrapping and washing powder in plastic bags bearing a picture of a comely, rich-looking woman. She would also see toothpaste and shampoo -- all items that five years ugo were as rare as rain in Rajasthan.

These are big changes for grassroots India, indicating a stirring of the rural giant. It is common nowadays for rural families to have an income of 1.500 rupees a month (£25), permitting the purchase of some of these fancy things

Everybody has a radio, many own a small monochrome television, and literacy has risen - officially to around 50 per cent, although that is probably an exaggeration. Health care, life expectancy. education and incomes have improved hugely since the Queen last visited.

Population growth is up. too. Indian cities are among the world's most densely populated. Nobody knows how big the population of Delhi is: 12 million, per-haps. The country will have

a billion people within four years because falling birthrates are more than matched by lower mortality so that India grows by 16 million people a year - almost the population of Australia.

overty is the one constant of the new India, which sends rockets and satellites into space, builds computers. satisfies the world's hunger for software and has nuclear knowhow, India is among the world's richest, pourest, most educated. most illiterate, most timeless and most changing countries.

If the Queen can understand anything of it in her whirlwind tour, she is cleverer than most. She may well be pondering the old adage: everything ever said about India is true, and so is the opposite.



The smiling Queen makes her way from the Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple of Amritsar, which she visited earlier this week

On a journey through time

BRITISH EXHIBITION

t's not just about India and Britain. That's all been done so many times," explains T. Richard Blurton, assistant keeper in the British Museum's Oriental Department who is in India to act as curator at "The Enduring Image". an exhibition inaugurated by the Queen and India's President K. R. Narayanan on Monday at New Delhi's National Museum.

The exhibition, which will travel to Bombay early next year, cele-brates 50 years of Indian Independence. With a collection of 332 pieces dating from 10,000BC to the 20th century, Indian artist Gulammohammed Sheikh describes it as an opportunity to journey across

The exhibition represents four years of planning and collaboration between the British Museum, the British Council and the Indian government's Department of Culture. Classical sculptures of Greek and Roman gods, serene

images of Buddha from Japan and China, sensuous sculptures from Indian temples, alabaster reliefs Sir Jacob Epstein. depicting scenes from the gospels Sculptures may dominate, but from pre-Reformation England

Nigeria reflect the wide variety. Incredibly impressive is the head of Amenhophis III from Egypt, a fragment of the statue at the mortuary temple in Thebes. Standing just over 4st tall and weighing one and a half tons, it stands apart from other exhibits in scale and magnitude. The head, with its piercing yet infinite gaze, has been selected as the image for the posters and literature on the

and elaborate wooden masks from

In the Indian collection, an intricately carved 13th-century Ganesha statue 4ft tall is particu-larly striking. A headless bejewelled celestial female from the 10th century in a standing tribhanga pose once belonged to

there is a fascinating variety of artefacts, including ornaments in gold and precious stones from ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome and Britain. Renaissance Italian ceramic dishes from the 16th century retain their bril-liant hues. Jewellery from the pre-Christian Anglo-Saxon era discovered in southern England is studded with garnets that probably came from India.

The earliest image in the exhibition goes back to the Ice Age. The outline of the female figure on a slab of stone found in France has been engraved with a flint.

The criteria for selection was that all the objects were in some form or the other an imaging of the

human form, a theme Blurton feels is particularly appropriate for India. 'a country which has an obsessive imaging of the human form to convey ideas and

concepts". The collection includes not just the most obvious expressions of the human figure in sculptures or paintings, but also in armour and wellery which provide us an idea of what the body might have looked like, even if it is not actually seen. There are even Mesopotamian clay tablets bearing cuneiform texts describing different parts of the body.

There is a flavour of cultures from all over the world incorporating nine departments of the British Museum. For many who will view the exhibition it is a rare opportunity to get a glimpse of treasures they have seen so far only in history and art books.

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continues to rise, writes Sunil Jain

things could not get much worse for the economy. The Government has just given in and handed over an additional annual bonanza of 36 billion rupees (about £6 billion) to agitating central Government employees in the form of a salary revision.

The economy is yet to recover from last year's slowdown. tax collections are low as a result, and with the constituents of the ruling Unified Front (UF) exerting all their influence to increase subsidies, the Finance Minister's efforts to contain the fiscal deficit have clearly been hit for six.

It is also equally unlikely that much of the ground lost since the Union budget on the economic reforms front will be recovered, with Prime Minister I.K. Gujral's near-complete inability to stand up to the UF. Hence, the slowdown in the process of disinvestment in ublic sector enterprises and in closing down some of the chronically sick ones.

Even so, there are enough signs to indicate that the economy is on the upswing and that investors are right in not panicking just now. Not the east is the fact that India looks like an especially good invest-ment if one considers the currency turmoil in South-East Asia and the structural weaknesses shown up as a result of this in countries such as Thailand and Malaysia.

Most important, however, from the point of view of investors, will be the impact of the recent pay rise to govern-ment employees and the favourable agricultural crop. The sharp reduction in taxes in the budget is estimated to have released an additional 47 billion rupees into the economy. This, along with the Pay Commission bonanza would add, over the next couple of years, about 1.52 per cent to overall economic growth, according to economists.

As a result, stock valuations also look especially good. While stating that "this time, it's for real", economists at the broking house HSBC B & K ject that company earnings

will be up 16.7 per cent this year as against 1.2 per cent last r. Price earnings ratios are 30 per cent more attractive than they were three years ago, the last time the stock markets seemed so bullish. Not surprisingly, overseas portfolio investment into Indian stock markets continues to

While the picture remains mixed in terms of reduction in bureaucratic red-tape and appalling, so far as infrastructure is concerned, the recent oil-sector reforms have opened up avenues for direct or manufacturing sector investment. Investment in power and telecoms, though stuck a little for the time being, also offer scope for big-investment. British Gas (BG) has recent-

ly bought into Gujarat Gas,

giving it access to an estab-lished distribution network supplying to customers in Gujarat — BG already sup-plies gas to households in Bombay through another tieup. With price controls on gas now being lifted, the fuel is emerging as the front-runner for power plants and BG is clearly on to a good thing. In fact, much of the big invest-ment proposed by multina-tionals such as Shell, Amoco and Erron is for setting up gas terminals and pipeline systems to supply to power plants across the country.
Firms such as British Petro-

leum are also likely to benefit from the Government commit-ting itself to removing the administered price mechanism which restricted prices and therefore investment in the petroleum sector. National Grid, with its tie-

up with the Power Grid Corporation, is clearly another company which will benefit once the policy on transmission of power evolves further. While urban water supply

and sewerage is emerging as an area that has enormous potential with several state governments privatising these services - Anglian Water has bid for two such projects in Goa and Tamil Nadu - the progress on telecoms and insurance is certain to be slower. • The author is the Business



Controlled by mobsters and dirty money, the Bollywood film factory churns out unlimited violence and as much sea

IGETTING THERE

India both operate direct flights to Delhi and Bombay

from the UK. Steve Keenan writes. BA flies direct to

ing flights to Calcutta via Delhi. Fares bought from

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through an agent, they can drop by more than half. May-July is the cheapest

time to travel, says Sue Mos-cow of Trailfinders, which

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sors say sex is bad). A man's innards can grace the screen, but not a woman's breast. These are aspects of the Indian film industry that will not be dwelt upon during the

Oueen's visit to MGR Film City today but they are the subject of battles between film-makers and moral guardians in the Government. Bollywood, whose films pour breaks out of the old songdance-and-fight routine with something containing merit. But such occasions immediately present problems of censorship and finding money to distribute the film.

Bollywood thrives on black money. A film-maker who tries to be honest faces frustration, because honest money is hard to find. The mobsters who finance much of the industry lay down the rules: make a movie for the masses by throwing in as much sex as the censors will allow and let

This formula explains why Indian films are so crass. India has world-class talent, but low-class money to back it. When a different kind of film is made, the censors usually ban it with objections that dismay producers and directors. Train to Pakistan, a skilful and serious film by Pamela Brooks, summarises the clash between those trying to make good movies and those suspicious of anything that breaks the mould

The censor board did not like a scene showing a man's bare buttocks. It disliked the quip of a man who said "and I suppose Mahatma Gandhi is your uncle", a line that was deemed disrespectful.

It is a blunt film, conveying story of heroism in Punjab during partition in 1947, and shows in one scene the torture of a suspected spy with chilli peppers in the anus. That alone would have given it an adults-only rating in the West. The cuts the Indian censors wanted would have emasculated it. Honest investors do not

want to risk money on a good film that censors destroy on the presumption that the naman's backside, but not too sensitive to see him motilated with a cleaver. Similarly, state television is a numbing outnouring of mediocrity, produced by people too conscious of censorship to be creative or risk innovation.

The censors are out of step with an India that no longer accepts the sexual mores imposed by the Moguls, and then the British, who together forced prudery on a nation that produced the Kama Sutra, as well as erotic temple carvings depicting everything from group sex to bestiality.

The censor board is becoming a national joke because of its capricious and nannyish definitions of good taste. It lost the battle to destrey Bandit Queen, which showed nakedness, after the producers took the case to appeal. The censors are a relic and are slowly being compelled by public opinion to allow greater freedom. In due course, a male backside is bound to grace India's cinema screens, and nobody is likely to faint.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

Garments with a timeless quality

FASHION

THE SARI conjures up the image of India as much as the Taj Mahal or spicy curry. Coomi Kapoor writes

"The sari is an all-purpose garment," says Gayatri Subramaniam, a librarian who has never felt the need to wear anything else. "You can sleep in it. You can cover your head with it if it's sunny or rainy. You don't have to bother about keeping up with fickle fashion styles or worry-ing whether it still fits you. You don't have to deal with

The sari may be a timeless garment, but that does not mean it is not dicated to by fashion. Styles and trends in saris are plentiful: pastel chiffons and georgettes, brilliant ethnic weaves, hand-printed cottons, soft crepes and rich rustling silks.

However, the sari is gradually being replaced in the wardrobes of urban Indian women by another very Indian outfit, the kurta. The traditional dress of Punjab in noithwest India, it combines a loose shirt (kurta) with a pyjama and a veil (chunni) to over the head or cleavage.

In the past two decades the kurta has been reinvented. The baggy suit has been transformed into dozens of chic styles and cuts.

with the fashion revolution in India. Young designers such as the late Rohit Khosla, Rohit



contest in India last year

Bal, Tarun Tahilini, Ritu Beri, Abu Jani, Sandeep Khosla and J. J. Valaya have breathed new life into the kurta. Beauty queens - in 1994 Indian women won both Miss World and Miss Universe contests wearing designer Indian gar-ments - and Indian fashion shows abroad have helped to fuel international interest. Haute couture designers such as Issey Miyake, Ungaro, Escada and Valentino have made use of Indian fabrics and embroidery in their collections.

The National Institute of Fashion Technology in Delhi was opened by the Govern-ment in 1988 with an eye on the burgeoning garment export business, but it discovered there was as big a demand for designers in the domestic market as there was for export. By 1995 NIFT had opened four more design schools. Fashion is booming in India.

The nature of the average Indian politician is changing, Coomi Kapoor reports

Leaders become more like the common man

The Indian press often decries the erosion of values in politics.

Front pages are dominated by opportunistic defections. politicians links with criminals and various scams. A common complaint is that there are no longer role models such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajendra Prasad and Lal Rahadur Shastri to look up to.

The Speaker of India's lower house of Parliament (Lok Sabha). P.A. Sangma, has even suggested special classes for new MPs in parliamentary procedure, in view of the frequent adjournments and slanging-matches. However, statistics indicate

that there has been a steady improvement in the educational background of MPs over the past 40 years. In 1952, 23 per cent of MPs had not completed higher secondary school; in 1991 this applied to only 3.6 per cent of the House. In 1952, 58 per cent of the MPs had university degrees; in 1991, 76 per cent were graduates.

During the past 50 years, the profile of the average Indian politician has changed. The late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was in some ways typical of an earlier generation of politicians. Aristocratic, autocratic, uppercaste, educated at Oxford University, she had all the inherent advantages and social graces associated with membership of a leading polit-

ical family. Today the best-known woman politician in India is Mayawan, who triumphed over poverty and social discrimination - she comes from the lowest rung of India's caste stratified society - to become Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state. The iconoclastic former primary-school teacher has a contempt for parliamen-

tary niceties. Septuagenarian Prime Minister I.K. Guiral represents the old school of "gentleman politicians" which is slowly fading out. The soft-spoken Gujral. when out of office, was a



Prime Minister L.K. Gujral and Laloo Prasad Yaday



Mayawati: India's best-known woman politician

regular at conferences and seminars discussing declining even a local municipal corpovalue systems and foreign policy. His political detractors argue that, under normal circomstances, he would find it Minister of Bihar, Laloo

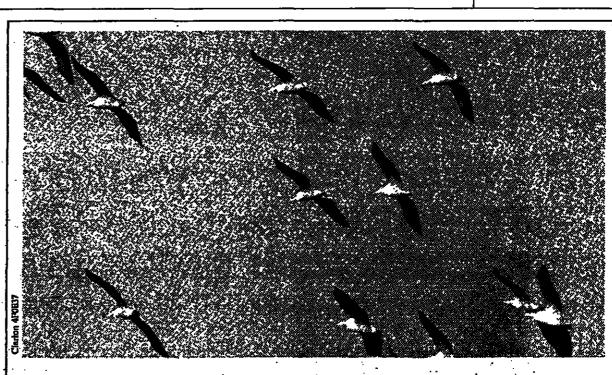
difficult to win an election to ration, since he has no grass-

roots support. in contrast, the former Chief defined constituency of his intermediate-caste which makes him a formida ble force in the politics of northern India. Recently. Yadav was imprisoned in a corruption case. In the scam in which he was allegedly involved, money from the State exchequer intended to provide animal feed was diverted to the pockets of contractors, officials and politicians.

Yadav claims he is the victim of an upper-caste con-spiracy, and instead of stepping down until his name can — he hopes — be cleared, he has installed his wife Rabri Devi, a mother of nine, as his surrogate. In the commercial capital of Bornbay, it is the saffron-robed, tough-talking Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray who holds sway, playing un-abashedly to Hindu and parochial sentiments in a city which once prided itself on its cosmopolitan culture. In the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, the computer buff Chan-drababu Naidu is Chief Minister and, like most of the younger generation of politicians; has no use for the white khadhi cap, popularised by Mahatma Gandhi, and once the characteristic badge of an Indian politician

The changing profile of politicians is not necessarily a sign of declining standards, but rather of changing priorities. MPs from the urban elite are being slowly nudged out by greater numbers representing the interests of the intermediate and lower castes, whose numerical strength was not adequately represented in earlier Parliaments.

Today's MPs are exercised not so much about the quality of parliamentary debate and complex procedural knots of ceislation but about providing drinking water and building better roads. Caste and region al loyalties often take priority over larger national issues. Along the way, politicians have become more genuinely representative and reflective of the



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BRITAIN

islands. It is priced from £385 with half-board. Details: 01778

BOURNEMOUTH missed out on the party conferences this year, and probably as a result the five-star Royal Bath Hotel in Bournemouth is offering half-board at a reduced rate of £82 a night this month. The offer is available through Superbreak, and includes use of the health club. Details: 0161-238 5257.

LUCIANO PAVAROTTI'S concert at the Indoor Arena. Manchester, on November 1 is leatured in a Musical Break which is on offer from Goldenrail. A ticket, coach

transfer as well as bed and breakfast at the Manchester Post House costs from £199. Details: 0161-238 5206.

■ THE OLD BELL, Maintesbury, in Wiltshire - the town was once the capital of old England - is available for two-night breaks at £99 from Sunvil UK. The price includes breakfast as well as entrance to Longleat and Stourhead. Children are welcome at little extra cost. Details: 0181-232

TRY your hand on a Quad bike, JCB or even an amphibious Stalwart at Solo's Off Road Adventure in Northamptonshire on November 7 and 8. All activities and two nights' full board at the Stakis Corby Hotel cost from £239. Insurance is included. Details: 0181-951 2800.

FOLLOW in the footsteps of William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Robert Southey on a long weekend in the Lake District with Countrywide Holidays for three nights from November 14. Walking tours, as well as talks and most meals in a country guesthouse are included in the Ell8 price. Details: 0161-446

EUROPE

MEDITERRANEAN deals are available this month from Co-op Travelcare with the best offers to Ibiza. A week's Sunworld holiday with halfboard and a flight from Manchester on Saturday costs £219 and a similar Airtours package with a flight from Cardiff on Sunday costs El49. Details: 0541 500388.

RHODES for £179 for a week's self-catering with a flight from Gatwick on Saturday is the best of several late deals available from Kosmar Holidays. Details: 0181-368

■ TURKEY has been one of the best places for bargains this year and Cosmos is keeping up the tradition by offering a week's self-catering in Izmir for ELS9 with a flight from Gatwick on Monday. Details: 0161-480 5799

THE SUN should be still be shining brightly in Eilat where a week's hotel holiday with B&B from October 27 will cost from £279 with Longwood Holidays including return flights from Luton. Details: 0181-551 4494.

■ CYCLING for Softies sends out its last group of the season through Provence and the Camargue on October 29. The week-long trip with return flights from Gatwick, halfhoard, cycle hire and a sup-port team costs from £859. Details: 0161-248 8282.

■ NICE has been the target for cut-price airlines and EasyJet has stepped up the competition by offering a £39 one-way fare until December 15 on a first-come, first-served basis. Details: 0990 292929.

■THE ALGARVE in auturnn can be bright and breezy

and cheap if you take up

Lunn Poly's offer of a week's self-catering for El59 with a flight from East Midlands on November 3. Details from the company's Holiday Shops.

■ CASABLANCA might never be the same without Bogart and Bergman but you can enjoy free nights in the city next month with Cadogan Holidays. Stay on Friday and Saturday - and Sunday will be free, with the break costing £401 including return flights from Heathrow and a discount card. A week's stay including two free nights costs E587. Details: 01703 828302.



The Elephant Festival in Bihar State, the erotic temples of Khajuraho and the Taj Mahal are included in a 14day Indian journey with Travelbag Adventures. Fly-from Heathrow on November 11. Price, including B&B. from £1,245. Details: 01420 541007

LONG-HAUL

HONG KONG packages have been cut, from £899 to £569 for five nights, until the end of the month by Qantas Holidays, Fly non-stop from Heathrow on any day and stay at the Grand Tower Hotel Details: 0990 673464.

DISNEY fans can take advantage of an offer from Destination Florida based on four sharing, with flights, next Monday. Leave from Gatwick and you pay £355 for a formight's room-only accom-modation near Disney World; from Manchester a week costs £315. Details: 0181-440 9010.

A WEEK'S B&B at a beach hotel in The Gambia - still one of Africa's flatter and calmer countries — is being offered for £369 a person from The Cambia Experience with flights from Gatwick on October 21 and 28. Details: 01703 730688.

TORONTO can almost match Orlando for shopping malis, so Bales Tours is offering four nights at the Delta Chelsea Inn Hotel, and the chance to browse in Yorkville and at the glass palace from

£399 a person. Fly from Heathrow on November 4 or 11. The price includes B&B and a city tour. Details: 01306 384397.

MYOU CAN LOSE even more money gambling in Las Vegas now that Unijet has cut the cost of a week's fly-drive holiday to the casino capital to E289, provided you fly from Manchester on November 17. Car insurance extra. Details: 0990 336336.

SRI LANKA for a fortnight from £966, including halfboard, is among the Christmas-in-the-sun offers still available from Kuoni. Fly from Heathrow on December 16. Details: 01306 740500.

All prices are per person and based on two sharing a room, unless otherwise stated.



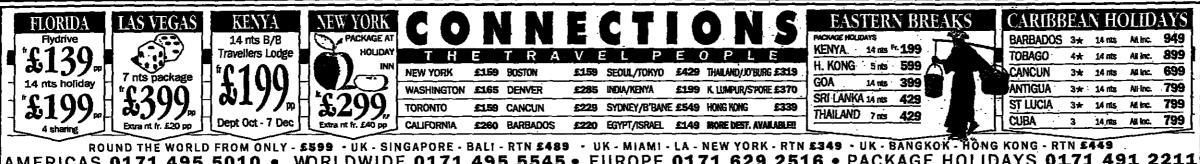
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Wilde life a bit on the tame side

NEW MOVIES: Fish loom large on the menu as Geoff Brown looks for more excitement than Oscar offers

The last time Oscar Wilde flaunted himself on Britain's screens was in 1960. He came in two versions. The first Oscar looked like Robert Morley: the film, called simply Oscar Wilde, was ragged and dull. The rival venture, unveiled five days later, featured an affecting performance from Peter Finch and handsome colour photography. The Tri-als of Oscar Wilde was the title, and the film survives the vears well.

Time has moved on. In terms of public acceptance of homosexuality, 1960 was still Dark Ages. Now the drawn curtains have been pulled back. In Wilde, for a minute or two, we see Oscar, portrayed by Stephen Fry. enjoying a visit to a male brothel, and snuggling between the sheets with boys. We see him looking on as Lord Alfred Douglas (Jude Law), his beloved Bosie, engages in buggery. Among the glittering repartee, a four-letter word surfaces from time to time. And that is it, after 30 years of

exual liberation? The film's timidity is not confined to sexual matters. Once the silly "shock" opening of Oscar mingling with Colorado miners in a Western township is tucked away. Brian Gilbert's film keeps to the look and format of many conventional screen biographies. The pressures of domesticity are pitted against the artist's muse and bohemian spirit. Once in a while a famous play opens, and famous names are dropped. In the period London streets a throng always bustles, clothed in mutton-chop whiskers and the best rented finery from Angels Bermans. Horses clip clop. Buildings look divine. could be watching the BBC's latest classic serial, or unused footage from the Merchant Ivory vaults.

Given the credentials of Brian Gilbert and his scriptwriter Julian Mitchell, it may have been unwise to expect anything else. Gilbert's last film was Tom & Viv. feelingly done, but still within the orbit polite, literary cinema.

Mitchell is a master craftsman, expert at adaptation and chronicling past times.

With Fry in the lead, however, hope springs eternal. He is good, no doubt of it, particularly in the quieter moments, alive to the contradictions of Oscar the family man (there are touching scenes with Jennifer Ehle as his wife, Constance). Yet we expect more brilliance from Oscar the wit; more insight, too, into the urges that bind him to the destructive Bosie. Lacking substantial connecting tissue. the scenes of high drama -Bosie being cruel, Oscar suffering Victorian indignities at Reading Gaoi - never seem as deeply felt as they should. Wilde is far from a bad film, but it is certainly a missed opportunity.

Supported by the National Lottery through the Arts Council of England." You can read those words in the credits of Wilde. You can also see them at the end of Shooting Fish, directed by Stefan Schwartz, where the lottery contribution was £1 million.

. Wilde Warner West End, 15, ilo mins Not as wild as you might expect

Shooting Fish Oden West End, 12, . II3 mins Energetic, sprawling British comedy

subUrbia Metro, 18, 121 mins Telling comedy drama about aimless American youth

Free Willy 3: The Rescue Warner West End, U, 86 mins Killer whale comes up trumps

Hard Eight Metro, 18, 102 mins A curiosity from a rising directorial talent

The Blue Angel Everyman, 108 mins Divine Dietrich

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Feeling the long arms of the law: Stephen Fry turns in a good performance as Oscar Wilde, here en route to Reading Gaol — but where is the brilliance, the wit, the insights?

Finding the money, in some ways, is the easy part in British film-making. The diffi-cult thing is finishing the

For with this comic extrava-

ganza Schwartz and Richard Holmes, the bright boys behind Soft Top Hard Shoulder. went into production some ten drafts away from perfection. We find so much superfluous detail; so many ungainly lurches as the film's two adventurers - Stuart Townsend and America's Dan Futterman — flit round London scamming the rich. while Kate Beckinsale's medical student aids and abets. I wanted to grab the script out of their hands, and post it for doctoring to T.E.B. Clarke, Ealing's master of comedy

But Clarke, alas, is dead. So is Ealing comedy, after an honourable life, though one curiosity of Shooting Fish is the prominent residue of past times and fashions. So much of this film pants to be bang up-to-date from the youthful, snook-cocking characters to the soundtrack's Britpop parade. Yet so much, perversely, belongs to the past, like the obsession with class and stately homes (Townsend and Futterman want to buy one).

In the midst of chaos, come intensified by the arrival Beckinsale and Townsend (seen in Trojan Eddie) lark about attractively, which partly compensates for Futterman's grating turn. Inventive visual design and bouncy music also help. But for too much of the time you sense the

film-makers trying to induce the feel-good spirit artificially. It cannot be done. The youth of subUrbia lead far less manic lives. They lounge about in front of a convenience store in a fictional Texas suburb. They drink. they prattle, they pontificate. Nothing to do. Nowhere to go. The director, of course, is Richard Linklater, who gave birth to a flourishing minigenre when he documented aimless youth in Slacker. Yet

Linklater is not working solo. Eric Bogosian is the author, and subUrbia was originally a play. Its drift towards violence is a Bogosian characteristic, though these high school friends - Jeff. Tim. Buff, Sooze, Bee Bee and others could easily have hung out in the director's past films. Each comes with his or her

own personality, enhanced by careful casting. Jeff (Giovanni Ribisi) is the sensitive one, though he lacks the courage to act on his thoughts. Buff (Steve Zahn, from the original show) is the airhead clown. Tim, an Air Force drop-out, peddles cynicism and racist remarks. Sooze (Amie Carey, in an impressive screen debut) is determined to escape to New York. Their differences be-

Born to play Oscar'

WILDE Dominic Young, 18: Fascinating and moving. Stephen Fry was born to play this role and does it superbly.

Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 19: Stephen Fry gives a hugely commanding performance in this beautifully photographed biography.

Jethro Ankin, 19: Playwright Julian Mitchell has produced a masterly screenplay that

Wilde. Laura Brook, 19: Jude Law and the rest of the cast support Stephen Fry brilliantly.

presents on film for the first time the real story of Oscar

■ SUBURBIA Dominic: A young, hip cast, spouting young, hip dialogue. What more could you want? Leslie: I have seen the future of American cinema: his name is Giovanni Ribisi. He is not only a good actor, but his face is a most interesting canvas. Jethro: One of the coolest films to be released this year destined for cult status. Laura: Very cool! Step aside

Keanu, Giovanni Ribisi has

arrived.

of Pony, slacker turned rock giant bath toy. Yet this film star, who drives up in a stretch should not be sneered at, for it limo to rekindle old times.

inklater never denies the material's theatri-,cal origins: the camera rarely strays from the Food Mart forecourt, and talk dominates. But the words are flavourful, and Linklater choreographs the characters so well that we watch absorbed. Pony serenades Sooze. Tim goes ballistic. Pony's publicist (Parker Posey) cases the available males: "You guys are real real!" she purrs.

But is Willy real? Some of the time, in Free Willy 3: The Rescue, this life-enhancing killer whale splashes through the ocean like the genuine

generates more genuine drama than most third instalments of family fodder. A good director helps. Little heard from in cinemas of late. New Zealander Sam Pillsbury grabs his chances by giving the action scenes extra bite. He also refuses to accept stereotypes. There is no easy villain

to hiss: instead of a faceless

article. At others he seems a

corporation, we are given a whale hunter, a father, a breadwinner, following the family tradition. "Whales don't feel, they aren't people, they're just fish," he tells his young son, cringing at the carnage. Wrong, of

course: whales are mammals.

But so what? Free Willy 3

entertains children, and gives adults in tow something else to watch besides the exit Look out, next year, for Paul

Thomas Anderson's Boogie

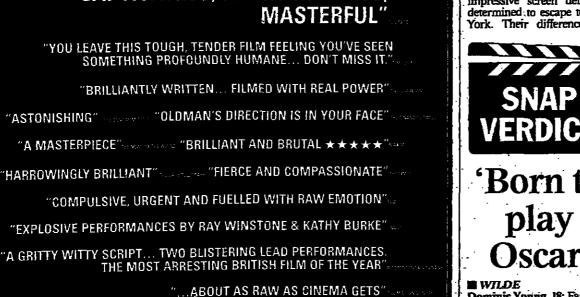
Nights, a swirling portrait of Hollywood's soft-core pornography business. Watching his first film. Hard Eight, one has to wonder how the same chap directed both. Hard Eight. shot in 1995, shows admirable single-mindedness, but it gives the audience scant encouragement to wade through the talky, baldly shot scenes, and take an interest in the characters. Philip Baker Hall (Nixon in Secret Honor) is the principal one: a softly spoken professional gambler in Reno, who

takes John C. Reilly, impover-

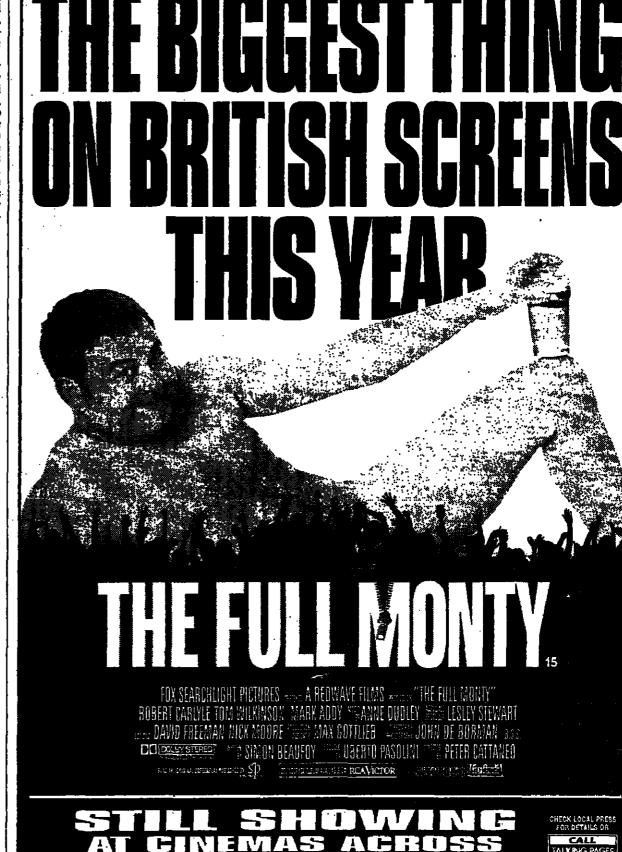
ished and dim. under his

wing. We then jump two years to Gwyneth Paltrow, Samuel L. Jackson, romance, blackmail and murder. Curiosity seekers will be fruitfully engaged; but this arid oddity has no hope of hooking general audiences.

Neither, I suppose, has The Blue Angel, the film that revealed Marlene Dietrich to the world, legs akimbo, top hat at rakish angle, as she leads Emil Jannings's infatuated schoolmaster to destruction. But connoisseurs and camp followers will derive much pleasure. Josef von Sternberg's film, made in 1930, heads a month-long season, Divine Decadence, at the Everyman and National Film Theatre, celebrating the films of the Weimar Republic.



AND AT CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



COUNTRY

A LETTER OF RESIGNATION Edward Fox and Clare Higgins play Handd Macmillan and Lady Dorothy in Hugh Whitemore's play about the effect of the Protumo scandel, Christopher

Morshan directs.
Comedy Theaters. Panton Street, SW1 (9171-369 1731) Opens tenight. 7pm Than Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mars Wed. 3pm and Sat, 4pm. EUGENE ONEGEN The Cheshre-based operatic enterprise Clorder Opera For All makes its annual visit to London,

ites iame with its highly-praised production of Tchaikovsky's se Pushkun's classic love story. With soloists from the Northern Chamber Orcnestra, directed from the piano by Wyn Daves Royal College of Music (British Theatre), Prince Consort Road, SW7 (Meleti: 01261224514) Tonight,

8OY'S LIFE: 1988 play by the excellent US writer, Howard Korder Three young Americans sying to reach adulthood or the out to the e cusiomary manner nor End, 27 New End, Hampistead NW3 (0171-794 0022). Opens tonight, 7 30pm: Then Tuc-Sat. 7 30pm, mals Set and Sun. 2 30pm. TAKACS QUARTET: Visit to the South

Bank by the renowned chamber ensemble with a selection of music ranging from Mozart and Beethoven first London performance of a string Quarter by Michael Berkeley Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) Tonight, 7 45pm ELSEWHERE

BISIMINGHAM: The Bisusingham
Royal Ballet's season continues with a
celebration of American choreographer
George Balanchina A mised programme
of three one-act ballets is on offer

[] BLUE HEART. Caryl Churchill plays

tricks with reality in this bouble bill for Out Or Joint — in Hear's Desire, where a lamity is exacting for a women to return torm Australia, and in Blue Mettle as a con man tree to persuade eiderly women he is their long lost son. Royal Court, [Duke of York's Theates] S. Marth s Lona, Will (0711-835 5122) Mort-Sat, 7 30pm; mit Set, 3 30pm [2]

M CLOSER: In Painch Maiber's new play, directed by furnset, Sally Deder and Lica Walker, Curan Hinds, and Civic Owen play strenges, who fall

romathically but cruelly in love National (Lyttellon), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Set, 7 30pm

☐ FAITH New Meredith Oakes play. tel: somewhere in the Southern

ternisphere where soldlers display a

range of responses as they togin to regain an island. John Burgess directs Royal Court Upstairs (Ambassadors) West St, WCZ (0171-565 5000) Mon-

TO AN IDEAL HUSBAND Return of Peter Hall's empyable production, ormitul of deceptions. Starring Martin Shaw and Simon Ward, and Kate

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HOUSE OF AMERICA (15)

ne: Kensington (D181-315 4214)

NEW RELEASES

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargis

opening with Scienade killowed by Orpheus and the athletic The Four Hippodrome, Hurst Street (0121-622 7486). Toroght-Sat. 7.30pm; mats_ row, 2pm and Sat, 2,30pm. (5) EDINETURGH: Performance hero tonight by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra of a new choral work write by the orchestra's composer laure Sk Peter Marwell Davies. The Jac



Janet Suzman directs

rabelilon with a text consisting of works by poets such as Witted Owen and Soriey McLean. The compager conducts Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (0131-668 2010). Tonight, 7.45pm.

LESOS. Co-production with Johannesburg's Market Theatre of Brecht's play about how difficult it is to be good in Szechuan — or anywhere. Transposed to South Attica by James Transposed to South Africa by Jamet Suzman (who directs) and Geina Mitophe, and retoed The Good Worgate of Stantiville. West Yorkshile Playhouse, The Quarry, Hill Mount (0113-244 2111) Opers lonight, 7:30pm, Then Mon-Sat, 7:30pm, mat Wed, 2pm, Until Oct 18 (§)

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MANCHESTER; Music from two
English composers is on the menu as
the Hallé Orchestra offers Serenade
tor Strings, and the overture in the South
by Elgar, beamed with Holst's The
Planets. With the ladies of the Hellé
Chair Owali Awali Hughes concludes
Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley
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Sun, 7-30pm. (§)

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Apollo, Shaltesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm Ends Sat.

Khaši Collection Whitechapet David Alfaro Siquelings (0171-522 7888)

NI ART: Henry Goodman, Roger Allam and Stanley Townsend in this exceptionally interesting drams about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white penting. Wyndham's Charing Cross Road, WCZ (071-399 1736) Mon-Sat, 8ptr. mate Wad, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. THEATRE GUIDE

O'Mara as the sveite troublemaker Gleignid, Shaltesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5065), Mon-Set, 7.45pm; mats Thur June 1846 (594 499).

C) JANE EYRE: Shared Experience's touring production of Chartotte Bronta's competing love story with Pooky Quesnal's mad Bertira been as a dark Alter ego to Montea Dolan's Jane.
Young Vic. 65 The Cut. SE1 (0771-928
6363). Opens longht, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7-30pm; mats Tue, Thur and Sat.
2.30pm. Until Nov 8. 5

[] MACKEREL SKY: First play by Dublin-based Hilary Farmin tells of two days in the bile of a laded chanteuse (Ruth Hegany) and her mother milew (Gillian Raine), tending off eviction. Bush, Shephords Bush Green, London W12 (0181-743 3388), Mon-Sal, 8om

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Richard Harns's his play (music and lyncs by Denis King and Mary Stewart David), Julia McKenzie directs Liz Robertson and her hopeful hopfers, Albery, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, Born; mats Thur, 3pm and Sat, 4pm LONG RUNNERS

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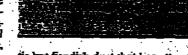
Rare fare from plucky Canadians

not normally the most adventurous programmers. Anxious to please, and to sell tickets to a new and unfamiliar public, foreign troupes prefer to rely on a welltried reperioire. Not so the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. For their first London season in 15 years, the Canadians have brought two mixed bills of work, most of it unknown to British audiences.

Balanchine's Concerto Barocco was first up on Tuesday's opening night, certainly the most elegant piece of dance writing on the programme but unfortunately not the most elegantly performed. The company's first steps were tentative, as if they were concentrating too hard on making a good impression. It didn't help that Earl Stafford, conducting the New Queens Hall Orchestra in the Bach score, chose to take the first movement at a crawl. Like most of Balanchine's works this

stately 1940 ballet is one for the women, a nervous-looking Zhang Wei-Qiang drawing short straw as the lone male. Suzanne Rubio was particularly impressive: her technique is strong and controlled, her line remarkably expansive - unusual in one so short although she too suffered an attack of nerves. Caroline Gruber is also lovely, willowy and easy to watch.

Jerome Robbins made his Other Dances for Natalia Makarova and Mikhail Baryshnikov in 1976, a roman-



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tic but fiendish duet that has attracted star duos ever since. Evelyn Hart, the big name at the top of the Royal Winnipeg roster, was partnered on Tuesday by one of France's top draws, Manuel Legris. She is exquisitely unhinged as a dancer, quirky and beautiful at the same time — you never know where her dancing is going to lead. Legris is more grounded as a performer, accomplished and polished in his technique and presentation. But his aristocratic French manner is perhaps too grand for the playfulness of Robbins's humour.

Mark Godden's Miroirs was the Canadian centrepiece to the evening. Set to the Ravel score, it takes its inspiration from the titles of the five poems for piano. Each works well on its own terms, finding a distinctiveness of dance personality: the fluttering reticence of the night moths in Noctuelles; the spirited curiosity of the Jester in Alborada del Gracioso (a fine. cameo from Jorden Morris); the deliberate irreverence of language in La Vallée des cloches. And although they may not sit happily together, each of the five does flatter its dancers wonderfully. Miroirs, commissioned by Winnipeg in 1995, is the piece which tells us



Evelyn Hart in Other Dances: exquisitely unhinged and beautiful

company.

Ballets by the Dutch choreographer Toer van Schayk are rarely seen in Britain, and some might say that is a blessing. Happily, Seventh Symphony, which closes Winnipeg's first pro-gramme, is one of his less annoying

most about this plucky and engaging creations. The horizon of hope and ambition; the triumphalist declaration; the feverish joy: all are there in Beethoven's score and van Schayk does his best to oblige. The ensemble of 20 dancers lapped it up.

DEBRA CRAINE

CONCERTS: A former Beatle turns symphonic; and little-known Russians make their mark

Macca is no new Mahler

Albert Flair

WHEN this newspaper's critic William Mann once famously compared the Beatles to Schubert he was, of course, referring to their respective outputs of songs. Each produced some of the most enduring tunes of their time and set them to poignant texts. But while Paul McCartney's talents as a songsmith guarantee him a unique ace in pop history, his efforts as symphonist are likely to be quickly forgotten if Tuesday night's premiere of Standing Stone is anything to go by.

As anyone who actually remembers his Liverpool Oratorio will know, "crossover" music is not one of McCartney's strengths, It lacks the vizour and freshness of his pop music and falls far short of anything that could be described as "classical". Standing Stone is neither fish nor

fowl, but rather the musical equivalent of a veggie burger. To judge by the reception of an Albert Hall only a few

coachloads short of ecstatic, there are people who prefer their music that way, belonging to the predominantly middle-aged and middle-brow easylistening end of the market.

However, McCartney need not take all the blame for the piece, commissioned by EMI to celebrate its centenary. He had no fewer than five helpers. on the score, including the composers David Matthews and Richard Rodney Bennett and the saxophonist John Harle, and if this is not a case of too many hands spoiling the symphony, they certainly have over-flavoured it. There is hardly a style that goes unrepresented in this long medley of

derivative mood music. And Standing Stone, performed here by the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Lawrence Foster in a programme that also included earlier McCartney "classical" works, is nothing if not long. McCartney is certainly successful with small, selftained units of melody, but it takes

The Victorian-style hymn with which Standing Stone closes suggests that, 40 years after his first rock concert, McCartney really is in search of middle-age respectability. But if that is the way he is going, will somebody please give him a few new key signatures for Christmas.

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Shades of mournful monotone

IT IS not often that Arvo Part's music seems the model of concision and expressivity, John Allison writes, but alongside the other works in Monday's London Sinfonietta concert it

Cantus in memoriam Benjamin itten, one of the first pieces the a Mahler or a Bruckner to sustain Estonian wrote while forging his symphonic thought over 75 minutes. Sparse and simple style, takes very basic material and builds it up with increasing intensity. Martyn Brabbins controlled his forces well in a perfor-

long, unremittingly sombre pieces in a programme that lacked contrast and balance. As part of the "Reflections". festival of music from Russia and the former Soviet republics, the concert was doubtless meant to show the variety of work emerging from the

former USSR: alas, though some of this century's greatest composers worked within and against the system. the stagnation on the fringes of musical life was all too obviously reflected here.

Alexander Raskatov's Miserere in memoriam Oleg Kagan was composed in 1992, and it is not hard to see why it had to wait five years for this premiere. Scored for solo viola, solo cello, strings and less prominent winds and percussion, the work lasts a whole hour — did the composer really expect to be paid by the minute? Raskatov is a craftsman who knows how to achieve some striking effects, but despite Brabbins's firm conducting and excellent soloists in Paul Silverthorne and Anssi Karttunen, this dreary work remained stuck in one mouraful rut.

audiences have time on their hands is the Georgian Giya Kancheli. His Abii which received its UK premiere, inhabits a neo-Romantic sound-world and consists mainly of rhetorical gestures and tense silences. At least Elena Firsova possesses a more distinctive musical language, and her Chamber Concerto No 6 for piano and small orchestra, a "Reflections" commission premiered here, employs a bigger palette of colours. But no great demands are made on the soloist (Olga Balakleets), and the ethereal work only added to the unrelieved monotony of the concert.

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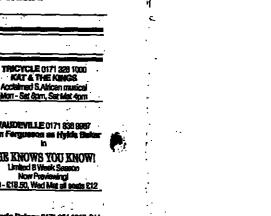
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Well, I did not fight in the Falklands, the place and the conflict which Meredith Oakes's new play coyly fails to name. So I cannot definitively accuse her Faith of being unauthentic. But it left me with the feeling that some of her notions about military life were a mite fanciful. Certainly. I have never met anyone quite like Howard Ward, her

Faith

Ambassadors -

Sergeant Spiers, who ends up accusing Mrs Thatcher and the nob class of turning the private soldiers (Jimmy Gallagher and Callum Dixon) into creatures of the dark - "and we want to live in the light with everyone else".

Dramatists have to be awfully good to get audiences to buy stuff as highfalutin as that, especially when they have spent much of the evening establishing their naturalistic credentials. Oakes is probably right to suggest that a soldier might crave Mars bars after a battle, or a shattered prisoner might not be able to stop yawning. It is when she stops observing and starts being significant about Soldiers and War that her play loses the modest grip on reality it has achieved.

Actually, I found it hard to believe in the central dilemma. Would our top brass really decide that the mere capture of American mercenary might inflame the US public against us, and so order our soldiers to murder him? Hardly. But it is this that brings the conflict between Spiers and Karl Draper's Lance-Corporal Ziller to the boil.

Ziller is a tough, amoral fellow who accepts that a soldier's duty is to obey orders and, if necessary, to kill. Spiers is supposed to be more complex. He is a career NCO who joined the army for the security and funked the previous night's big battle. But this Pooterish coward is also the



Privates Pike (Jimmy Gallagher) and Finch (Callum Dixon) come under fire from heavy existentialist angst in Meredith Oakes's unbelievable tale of soldiers and soldiering. Faith

voice of patriotism and moral orthodoxy, and spends much of the play trying and failing to maintain his belief that good old Blighty stands for justice

Oakes's scepticism about Britain and the Falklands conflict is painfully obvious. But what do a dramatist's feelings matter if the plot is not plausible nor the dialogue consistently robust? "What's this golden banner above my head, this pride?" cries the despairing Spiers of the Union Jack. "It's just an old thin piece of cloth." I felt rather the same about the play.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

eorge Costigan's vi-sion of Macheth for the 1990s leans as heavily on its repertoire of does on the newly elevated film star, Pete Postlethwaite. The Bristol Old Vic curtain lifts on a forest of heads impaled on spikes, and the witches - here a deeply weird choice of a drummer boy, a nurse and a lady in a wheel-

There is little to romance about Postlethwaite's stubby soldier with his big shrivelled head, sunken eyes and swollen cheekbones. His Macbeth may be mired in mucky poli-tics, and his court may be a

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bizarre mixture of businesssuited assassins and kilted samurai warriors. Yet the breathless pace of his ambition to get crowned in less than an hour is a masterclass in clarity of purpose. Events unfold in a swirl of topicality. There are press conferences to announce Macbeth's promotion to Thane of Cawdor. A drunken Porter cracks jokes about "cash for questions". And there is a Kate Adie news

report on Birnam wood. There is something filmic about it too. Richard How-

ard's king Duncan looks like Terence Stamp, and the mur-der of Macduff's wife and offspring is so ingeniously slick and cruel it could have been choreographed by Tarantino However, the inflammable point of Costigan's production is his equation of occultism with tribalism. In the programme notes, stories about Ouija boards, tarot

cards and crop circles are printed alongside newspaper cuttings about ethnic cleansing. This sounds dangerously and irresponsibly simplistic. It is. Yet the two themes are made to work in unholy - and highly entertaining - tandem. which is why the murder of Nick Brimble's Banquo makes such horrific sense.

But what lifts Costigan's production out of the ordinary is quite simply Postlethwaite's performance. To many he will always look like an ex-con with a face full of spanners.

But as a tyrant with a "mind full of scorpions", he recap-tures the psychotic motivation that has been stolen by countless Lady Macbeths. His penultimate meeting with the witches takes place on his bed surrounded by what looks like the local chapter of the Ku-Klux Klan, it is a nightmare sequence of writhing para-noia. The silent figure of Patricia Kerrigan's Lady Mac-beth, tranced and huddled on the pillow, is as eloquent as the amplified sound of Macheth's own heart beat. Rarely has Shakespeare owed so much to

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JAMES CHRISTOPHER

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ON THIS rare London date (only the fourth time she has played here in 14 years), Rickie Lee Jones wove a rich and varied tapestry of electronic beats, jazz, scat-poetry and

intelligent pop. Her new album. Ghosty-head, provided the lion's share of the material, and there was no space for any of the earlier songs that once earned her comparison with Joni Mitchell Indeed, her audience was so absorbed by

sophisticated new fare that there was not a single call for her 1979 Top 20 hit, Chuck Es in Love, Jones has always and wherever her explorations have led, a mature fan base has been prepared to give her space to grow.

Standing for most of the time in an eerie red light, she gave an intense, brooding performance, swaying gently but otherwise undemonstrative. An electronic sequencer created evocative soundscapes and the guitar of Rick Boston. who collaborated with Jones on the album, added a harderedged Velvet Undergroundinfluenced density where required The upright bass of Michael Alesandro, frequently bowed, offered further depth and jazzy textures.

Occasionally they sounded New York art school, but mostly they created the perfect haunting backdrop for the sinuous and supple instrument that is Jones's voice. While it is clear that she has been listening to Beth Gib-bons of Portishead, the feral vocals on songs such as Cloud of Unknowing and Little Yellow Town also suggested the influence of Björk.

Jones's lyrics have grown more Zen-like over the years. Lines such as "now in soft" detective voices the past rises and follows you in shapes of rain and dew" risk sounding pretermious on the page, but made perfect sense on stage performed in her half-sung. half-recited style.

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NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Keyboard gems; Alagna's *L'elisir*, slimline Brahms

Playing games on the piano

RECITAL

Hilary Finch

■ KURTAG Játékok (Games) Marta and György Kurtag

ECM New Series 1619 453 511-2 ***, E15.49 FOLLOWING last year's 70th birthday tribute to the great Hungarian composer György Kurtag, in a recording of his music for string quartet which is currently shortlisted for a Gramophone award, the Munich-based company ECM has added to its highly exclusive catalogue a new recording of a selection of the tiny piano "Games" of Kurtag's Jatekok. The starting point of these

suggested "by the child who forgets himself while he plays: the child for whom the instrument is still a toy". Here are tiny, tight Knots for the unravelling, a Play with Overtones in which chords beat against their own echo, a sweet Bluebell and an irascible Thistle and a set of Hommages: to Scarlatti, mischievously, to Stravinsky, in a peal of bells. and to a Hungarian folk violinist in the echo of a cimbalom.

Marta and Gyorgy Kurtag's two and four-hand perfor-mances of these rare and wonderful crystallisations out of ancient musical bedrock are irresistibly interspersed with the intense and quiet beauty of



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■ DONIZETTI L'elisir d'amore Cheorghiu/Alagna/Alaimo/ Scaltriti/Lyons Opera Orch/Pido Decca 455 691-2 (two

CDs)***. £30.99 ELISIR was one of Roberto Alagna's first recordings, a lightweight and still very engaging set on Erato. The decision to return to Nemorino must have been influenced by the chance to partner Angela Cheorghiu. He has changed his interpretation considerably. Alagna's tenor is now much robuster and he opts for the second and rarely heard version of Una furtiva lagrima, which Donizetti wrote for a voice with some baritone timbre. Nemorino becomes not so much a love-

Gheorghiu's Adina remains unsurpassed among her contemporaries as she pips out the notes when in capricious coloratura mood, or colours

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them with genuine affection as she shells out a few scudi to buy back Nemorino's army papers. She is a highly responsive singer, reacting with wit and poise to her two admirers in the Act I duets and to Simone Alaimo's outstanding Dulcamara in Act II. Roberto Scaltriti's Belcore could offer

more swagger. Evelino Pido keeps the Lyons Orchestra on its toes and Frank Dunlon's knockabout 1920s production from the French house is available on video. The Donizettian spirit, though, is best preserved on

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■ BRAHMS Violin Concerto: Double

Concerto Kremer/Harnoncourt/ Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra Teldec 0630-13137-2 ***,

"LOOK at virtually any picture of Brahms and you see a fat man." says Gidon Kremer. going on to suggest that the image has tended to produce "fat" interpretations of the composer's music over the years. Kremer's response is to scale down the virtuoso solo part of the Violin Concerto and make the work more like a conversation between equals.

It is an approach that suits his particular style, because Kremer, although an undoubted virtuoso, has a thinnish, somewhat undernourished tone in any case. And here it is convincing - especially in the first two movements - aided and abetted as Kremer is by the great revisionist himself. Nikolaus Harmoncourt.

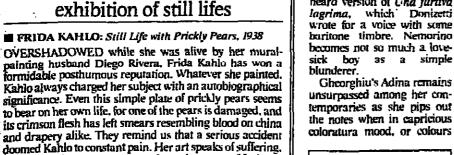
Together they bring out the chamber music qualities of the score, an aspect that is even more relevant to the Double Concerto, where Kremer and cellist Clemens Hagen engage in fruitful dialogue right from the opening exchanges. Fascinating new perspectives on a pair of over-familiar works.

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TEN OBJECTS OF DESIRE

Richard Cork's daily guide to

the Hayward Gallery's new

Exile and isolation of rebels with causes

f, as is alleged, some people in London think that Les Miserables is a musical about a gloomy chap called Leslie, it would not be the first time that Victor Hugo has been misun-derstood. Royalists hailed him as a royalist and hated him as a republican; republicans revered im as a republican and spat on him as a royalist. He did not give them much help in getting it right. Like our present Prime Minister, he was mostly above such details.

His father was one of Napoleon's generals, and as a small boy he was taken to Spain, where General Hugo had ordered traitors' heads to be nailed round the church porches. But as a schoolboy he turned against both his father and the defeated Napoleon. His poetic genius, and his genius for success, soon declared themselves. In 1817, at the age of 15, he won a for a poem on reading, and by the age of 18 he was bringing tears to the eyes of Louis XVIII (and getting a reward of 500 francs) for his ode on the death of the murdered Duc de Berry. Before the monarchy was finished he was a peer of the

For 65 years, his fame just grew and grew. He turned aside from

French Romanticism, overnuming all the classical restraints on form and vocabulary, and, bringing into being a world, as he said, "in which all words were equal". This period culminated in the performance of his play about a Spanish bandit, Hernani, at the Comédie Française in 1830. The battle between the disapproving old and the enthusiastic young spectators turned the theatre, as Graham Robb says, "into a boxing ring and public urinal". But the play played

Graham Robb tells the tremen dous story of Hugo's life quite brilliantly. He does not like Hugo very much, but he is perpetually amazed by him, and is often very witty. He watches Hugo constructing his ego" from childhood on, and says that he ended up with a whole "limited liability company of egos". He watches the extended metaphors moving over Hugo's epic works "like weather systems".

In politics, especially, Hugo needed all his different egos. Though he had become a republi-can, by 1848 he was fighting the rebels on the barricades, declaring he loved the people but hated anarchy. But in 1851, when Louis-Napoléon triumphed bloodily on



Hugo: political waverings

drew to the Channel Islands for 18 years. He went grandly into exile with the conviction that he was filling a vacancy", says Robb. For the whole of the Second Empire he fired devastating blasts across at Louis-Napoléon (now Napoleon III) in prose and verse. He thought the death threats he received "were as satisfying as a good review": meanwhile, he got on with reams of poetry and vast panoramic

VICTOR HUGO By Graham Robb Picador, E20 ISBN 0 330 33707 6 ALBERT CAMUS By Olivier Todd Translated by Benjamin lvry Chatto & Windus, E20-ISBN 0701160624

Derwent May on two giants of French

literature

novels. Yet it was still hard to know what his politics really were. Nor did his readers know where he stood on love and sex. A young virgin, he married Adéle, a neighbour's daughter, but soon gave up "innocence for indulgence", kept an actress-mistress for 50 years, and pursued laundresses and prostitutes almost till his dying. day, keeping coded notes on them all in his diary. (His wife became



Camus: knew where he stood

the critic Charles-Augustin Sainte He wrote lyrics in praise both of the family and of uninhibited love.

Everything was contradiction. "He could talk for hours about concision", Robb observes - yet he gives us inspiring lessons in the art of surviving one's own person-

He returned to Paris in triumph in 1870, calling simultaneously for barbarous attacks on the Germans In 1871, he managed to keep the love both of the bourgeoisic and the Communards. When he died in 1885, he was given a 21-gun salute, was trundled at his own request through Paris in a shabby old truck before a crowd of two million and buried in the Pantheon. In Robb's last words in his long book, he was "the most lucid case of madness in literature".

livier Todd's life of Albert Camus could not be a greater contrast. Where Robb bounces about, joking and stage managing his story, Todd entirely conceals himself behind a bare narrative of facts. This is disastrous in the early chapters: the wonderful account that Camus gave of his Algerian childhood in his posthumous novel The First Man is reduced to a

tedious precis.

However, Todd has had access to all Camus' letters and diaries, and this plain tale slowly begins to grip. It confirms, to my mind. what a good and attractive man Camus was — as well as being the best French writer in the Sartre circle, who began as his friends and ended as his enemies.

Politically, Camus was always

torn between his principled attachment to the Left and his distrust, which eventually became hatred, of the Communists and fellowtravellers who had virtually taken over the Left in France during the war. He was even more isolated once the Algerian War began. He wanted to see self-determination for the Arabs, but his heart was with his mother and the other poor French of Algeria, and he was as bitterly opposed to Arab terrorism as he was to French repression. All he could effectively do to show his feelings was to plead for clemency. for Arabs sentenced to death — pure wimpishness in the eyes of the pro Arab Communists.

The French may not have known where he stood, but unlike Hugo he always did, and his political books leave a legacy of lucid, if at that time impotent, thought. His novels, especially La Peste, take him into a different and greater realm. He had one thing in common with Hugo - his love for, and success with, women. When he died in a car crash in January 1960, he left behind him a wife and family, and three mistreses who were steady and loyal though they all knew about each other, including the great Spanish actress of the

More and less than Zero

NO PERSON of the theatre could read the book without a mounting sense of recognition, sympathy, and horror. It is the reverse of the coin so classically presented in Moss Hart's Act One many decades ago; it is not the story of a success after long labour but of a disaster after equally long

It is also a hurt book, a sincere and puzzled book, about the relationship between a famous director. John Dexter, and a famous playwright, Arnold Wesker, who shared successes together in their early days and then came back to each other, as it were for the mounting of a fateful play that was called Shylock and lived to regret it, and be wounded by it, to the darkest

degree.
Not only did the star, Zero Mostel, die after the first outof-town preview, but there was really no bad involved that did not quickly go to wo gods were against it.

It begins with all the easy sense of a partnership revived and ends with all the gearlocked misery of a partnership destroyed. In fact, the closing lap of the book, where after three months of preparation

Sebastian Barry

THE BIRTH OF SHYLOCK AND THE DEATH OF ZERO MOSTEL By Arnold Wesker Quartet, £12 ISBN 0704380633

the production is heading towards opening night in New York, is so fraught and dicey and painful, there is such a Gothic reversal of fortunes for the playwright - in the presence of his wife and children that you're reading through your fingers, praying for a triumphant outcome in spite of everything.

All power to Arnold Wesker for writing this princely book. full of the drawbacks of being human and the disdain of the divine powers when they are inclined to crush a mortal venture underfoot. If it's any consolation, even 20 years after the trauma, he has made out of his diaries and papers of the time a copiously successful account of a dizzying failure, a classic book of the theatre that will be a wonder - and a warning — to all.



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Imogen Stubbs on the sounds and silences of Doris Lessing



Doris Lessing: the second volume of her memoirs is a cooler, more outward-looking recollection of life than the first volume, Under My Skin

Matters of the heart after matters of principle

always kept diaries until "by an accident" someone threw them all away. Since then I am so dis connected with my past self that whenever I try to remem-ber anything. I feel like the character in every PoW film who huddles in a corner with a makeshift transmitter dutched to his mouth, whispering "Hello London . . . hello London" - but never gets through the crackle. Not so with Doris Lessing

who confirms, with this secand volume of her autobiography, what we already know: that she is a disarmingly honest, funny writer with a fearless sense of vocation that has been a blessing for us and a mixed blessing for herself. Whenever I read an autobiography I wonder about the need behind the writing. Whether the writer is trying to insinuate his or her way into our hearts, or whether there is

a simple desire to add hardearned perceptions to the mass of human experience, or whether there is something closer to T. S. Eliot's "how can I know what I think until I see

what [sav?" Autobiography can be a form of self-restitution for the writer's own benefit and neace of mind and as defence against future biographers. In Under My Skin Lessing chronicles her childhood in the white heat of the Rhodesian sun and Rhodesian politics by going

Walking in the Shade she seems to be cooler, more outward - as if recollecting this period of her life "from the shaded side of the street". "The whole process of writing is a setting at a distance. That is the value of it - to the writer and to the people who read the results of this process, which takes the raw, the individual, the uncriticised, the unexamined, into the realm of the

The book deals with many things - from Ken Tynan's whip collection to the BBC mispronouncing names and places "as a matter of princiole" - but overwhelmingly it attemnts to understand and make understood how communism dominated the intellectual life of the 1950s: "The (now) incredible and unforgivable fact that some of the most socially concerned, honeful for the future, dedicated souls connived at the crimes of the Communist World by refusing to recognise them, and then, by refusing to acknowledge

them. My mother was an idealistic young woman in London during these times and often spoke of them — but this is the first time I have not wanted to come back with incredulity and derision. Lessing suggests disquieting explanations that are not flattering, but they are persuasive. Sophocles wrote that love is a piece of ice clenched tight in the fist of a child. I think the love of

The book begins with Les-

sing arriving in London in 1949, a convinced radical and single mother, with one son. £150, and the typescript of her first novel, The Grass is Singing. It ends in the Sixties with her exploring various spiritual paths, becoming house-mother to many troubled youths. with a general shift towards prosperity, The Golden Notebook completed and everyone

In the years between, the politics and the immediate ensure her inclusion in the

WALKING IN THE SHADE By Doris Lessing

HarperCollins, £20 ISBN 000 2558610 lashionable world of left wing politics (she is even an honorary angry young man), or as one lady referred to them "those furry little people". This, of course, does nothing to alleviate either her finances or the problems of being a single mother. But it does mean her involvement with many now legendary campaigns — including the Aldermarston marches, and the campaign for unilateral nuclear disarmament - and many now legendary people ---Tony Richardson, Paul Robe-

Kissinger, Joan Littlewood. And then there are those who become legendary in the telling, like Betty, the bishop's daughter with a penchant for anti-British militants in the Congo; and Miss Bell, the cleaning lady, who could never countenance sex, because in her youth some poor boy had

absence haunts Walking in ejaculated on her nonwipeable leather shoes. the Shade. She includes very rare or non-committal refer-Lessing's observations of the frailties and strengths of the ences to them, and then many individuals she encounabruptly changes the subject. "But all this is outward." She ters reveal not only the gift for detailed characterisation lays herself open to accusawhich distinguishes her as a tions of hypocrisy at moments novelist and playwright, but also the gift for "intimacy" which engendered so many which would otherwise have provoked sympathy - as with her references to Gottfried relationships in the first place. Lessing's heartless absentee parenting, or the failure of her The volume is divided into four sections named after her mother, or her abandonment respective addresses during by various lovers. I think, this period, and her homes ironically, that by giving more form the narrative centre from of herself away, at times she which all else emanates: in a would have better preserved sense the reader is invited to lodge with her. The book is not particularly well-shaped -because life isn't - and much

of her commentary takes on

the discursive form of buile-

tins or prefaced fragments -

"a scene", "a moment", "the

Zeitgeist". For anyone requir-

ing more shape or "thickness

through" to these moments,

others might put "see note".

pletely unexpected.

t the end of Walking in the Shade, Lessing is still only in her forties, with at least half of her amazingly full life to tell. How much of her is glimpsed and known? There is a fragment of Pablo Neruda that seems to me to capture she is one of the lew writers her: "Bees, shadows, fire, snow, silence and foam, comwho can put "see novel" where bining with steel and wire and But even her fragments are pollen..."

in Under My Skin Lessing describes leaving two small

children, and earned criticism

for not examining what she felt about it "It seemed to me

obvious that I was bound to be

unhappy, and any intelligent

reader would understand that

without ritual beatings of the

Nevertheless I think their

compelling, and often com-I am greatly looking forward to what more will come.

Genius who made science into gold

Isaac Newton invent-ed that happy story in

order to conceal the

fact that his theory of gravita-

tion was the direct result of

alchemical experiment, he was

the "last sorcerer" who be-

lieved that the secret know-

ledge of the ancients could be

recovered by reading occult texts and, according to his

latest biographer. by practis-ing the blacker arts of magic.

He came from a family of

Lincolnshire yeomen, born

without a father (who had died

a few weeks before) on Christ-

mas Day. Newton himself

often emphasised the miracu-

lous aspect of his origin; if in later life he was treated by his contemporaries as a "demi-

god", in the words of Michael

White, he was receiving the

only appropriate compliment.

His family seems to have been practically illiterate, but

the young Newton was en-

Grantham: He lived above an

apothecary's shop, devoured religious namphlets, and con-

structed elaborate models of

windmills and sundials; it is

perhaps suggestive that he never studied mathematics be-

fore he arrived at Cambridge,

but White suggests that at this

juncture he discovered "the

principles of hard work and

dedication to learning". He

was also something of a prig.

with misanthropic tendencies; he first distinguished himself

at university by becoming a

tion encouraged the kind of

part-time moneylender. But his self-imposed isola-

tude which can manage

great leaps of

speculation. He almost

blinded him-

self by staring

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ments

tical experi-

Peter Ackroyd

ISAAC NEWTON The Last Sorcerer By Michael White Fourth Estate, E18.99 ISBN 1857024168

phy, despite Michael White's propensity for journalese and his occasional obcisance to the wonderful modern mind - as if somehow we know more than those who came before us. We do not know more; we simply know different things. What is more striking, however, is the portrait of Newton which emerges in the course of this narrative. He was secretive and hypochondriacal; he was afflicted by paranoia and what White calls "almost demented self-motivation; he was obsessed by the colour of crimson and believed that the Universe was, in a real sense,

He was, in other words, possessed by a powerful genius. He worked in silence and isolation, broken only by lerocious arguments with scientific colleagues. Then came the great triumph. In an intriguing passage, White recounts nights when Newton watched with wonder as a comet traversed the heavens; as he observed this bright form, he meditated upon the still occult notion of secret attraction or repulsion at a distance. Alchemy blended with the night sky to produce the great theory of gravitation.

Gravity became his "Universal Spirit". pounded its majesty in Principia Mathematica_ He worked up on the project continually, scarcely bothering to eat or sleep. It is perhaps not sur-

by inserting a kin behind his eyeball. The laws of analytical geometry lay hid in night. until Newton said "Let calculus be" and all was light.

At the age of 26 he was appointed as Professor of Mathematics but, even as he began his great career, he was immersed in less orthodox experiments: as White puts it, the Cambridge professor had also become "the last wonder-child of the Magi". He believed alchemy to be the grand unifying principle of creation or, in other words, that "theory of everything" still pursued by contemporary physicists and cosmologists. He set up a iumace in his rooms at Cambridge, and entered what was known as the "Invisible College" of adepts which was eventually transmuted into the Royal Society.

Thus did alchemy enter the modern world and Michael White suggests that earlier triumphs of magical experiment, the telescope and gunpowder, were quite out-matched by Newton's achievements in the sphere of the occult. He credits him with creating the conditions for the Industrial Revolution, and suggests that his lunar calculations were "at the heart of the computer programs employed by Nasa scientists". So the great magician set people to work and then sent them into space. -

This is an informative and genuinely interesting biogra-

prising that he suffered a temporary spell of fore re-entering the work. White describes Newton as one of the twin pillars of the 'Age of Reason", together with his friend Locke, and it was perhaps inevitable that he felt drawn to a setting larger than that of his laboratory. The moneylender became a money-maker. He was appointed Warden of the Royal Mint and, in that capacity brought to the manufacture of coin all the precision and thoroughness of his experimental work; the sorcerer triumphed again, by creating the "scientific economy" which still exists. In turn he necame the prosecutor of anyone who defied his inexorable laws. dispatching to the gallows all those who clipped or counterfeited the currency. He became, as it were, the master of ceremonies for the first capi-

talist state. Knowledge truly was power. At the end of his life he declared that he would like to have "another touch at metais", but his work was done. It was perhaps in that spirit he refused to be given the last rites; he remained self-sufficient to the grave. He said that all his life he had been only like a boy, playing on the sea shore while beyond him. undiscovered, lay the great ocean of truth". But Newton was being unusually modest, he had, after all, recreated that

truth in his own image.



nations. A musical tone is part

of a sequence governed by

intentions, not causes. In this

respect it is like a language,

but not quite. Its component

context to have separable

meanings and rules of combi-nation. Instead, like architec-

ture, it is a series of traditions,

within which we participate as

members of a community.

recognising styles and finding delight in variations.

experience akin to religious experience. Music seems to hover on the brink of the

inexpressible, inviting us into

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OF MUSIC

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a world of its own, the "point

of intersection of the timeless with time". Even the most

rudimentary attempt to talk

There is something too which makes the aesthetic

Taste for

the food

of love

Jonathan Sacks sweeps from

coloratura to Cobain

S ome years ago i took part in a rather unusual Jewish-Christian dialogue between a class of rab-

binical students and a group

of African bishops. For three

days we exchanged learned

lectures on theology. There

was an atmosphere of distant

courtesy, as if strangers were trying to be polite to one

another. In an attempt to

break through to our common

humanity, I suggested that for

the last evening, instead of yet another exposition of doctrine,

we taught each other our favourite songs. It worked. For

hours we sang together. It was

an object lesson in the power

of music to create community.

an enchanted world not unlike

pressible in any other lan-

guage than its own. Like other

enthusiastic philistines, I pre-

fer to enjoy it without trying to

spell out in words what it is I

am enjoying. There is some-thing self-sufficient about lis-

tening to a symphony or string

quartet that threatens to make

philosophical reflection rather

Roger Scruton was the right

person to wake us out of our

conceptual slumbers. A formi-

dably gifted philosopher, he

here combines analytical rig-

our with a daunting know-

ledge of the repertoire as a

performer and occasional

composer, to ask the most

fundamental questions about

what music is and what our

capacity to enjoy it tells us

Philosophers tend to ask

questions that the rest of us

find odd and normally take for

granted. Much of The Aesthet-

ics of Music is taken up by

inquiries of this kind. What is

a piece of music? A series of

sounds that could adequately

be described by a scientific

description of changing vibra-

tions in the air? Or is it some-

thing quite different, a

communication that can only

be created, understood and

shared by rational beings

capable of imagination? Is

about the human condition.

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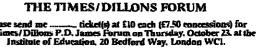
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THE TIMES THURSDAY OCTOBER 16 1997 Peter Stothard on Hadrian, the trendsetting autocrat who dumped his wife in Bath

Emperor beyond the wall

Roman empire coins of the emperor Hadrian. they experienced a shock: their new ruler had a beard. For hundreds of years, the civi-lised Roman male had prided himself on a shaven face. Now their saviour and protector had a well-trimmed set of hair around his chin and looked like a Greek. What was the world coming to in AD 117? Within a few years the

causes

answer was clear. Most of the adult males who acknowledged Roman power became bearded and remained so for a century. Hadrian was a trendsetter. He held views on fashliterature, philosophy, economics and military affairs that powerfully influenced an age which Gibbon was to describe as the most happy and prosperous for the human race. He exerted his influence by means of the longest foreign journeys that any emperor had ever undertaken, showing an intellectual and physical restlessness that gives Anthony Birley the title for his book. Genius

made scient The motives of Hadrian's wanderlust are complex and have fascinated historians from the 4th century to the 20th. But Birley's is the first substantial biography in Eng-lish since 1923 and, while stronger on the chronology of travels than the criticism of art or ideas, it gives an up-to-date portrait of a recognisably modern monarch.

into gol

Like most of his contemporaries. Hadrian was keen to escape the chains of a childhood spent in Rome under the vicious rule of Domitian. Birley cites a passage from the historian Cassius Dio in vhich senators were entertained to a dinner of black food, served by black boys, in a black room on a gravestone slab while the emperor intoned for hours about killings

Years of political purging much reduced the survivors' appetites for symbols of their imperial past. Out went shaven faces; out too went the works of Virgil, Horace and Lucan. In came the archaic writers of the Roman republican era. Ennius and Cato. whose language was less associated with the secret police. Like the young logeys of our own time. Hadrian's contemporaries would vie with each individuals from debt, and, as



Lord of 30 legions, but in thrall to one young man: Hadrian — in his fashionable beard — is pictured with his beloved Bythynian, Antinous

other in their peculiar brand of virtue. Even the old-fashioned historian Sallust was not oldfashioned enough. Latin itself seemed somehow tainted; better to study Greek. The provinces were smarter and more confident than Rome. And if all the new learning might seem too difficult, this was also the era of the anthology and

the good-dinner-party-guides for those who wanted to make modern conversation without the bother of reading too many old books.

Hadrian's chief military strategy was to reject the ideas of his immediate predecessor. Trajan: to avoid starting wars, to shrink the empire's boundaries and establish clear defensible lines to mark off the Roman people from the rest. His economic policy was to cut taxes, liberate provinces and

Dio puts it in anticipation of a later reformer from the land south of Hadrian's Wall. "to have a grasp of the national exchequer as total as the careful housewife has of her kitchen". For all the success of these policies, it was sensual and intellectual pleasure that seem to have come first. .

He was an enthusiastic homosexual. He took his wife with him on his travels only to ensure that she was not plotting to supplant him at home: offspring of his would harm the human race", she once said, justifying her failure to become pregnant. On a trip to the great wall in Britain, by which his name is now best known, he dumped her at Bath; there she is said to have solaced herself with the sexual attentions of the historian Suetonius. On a trip to Egypt she may have shown her own

HADRIAN The Restless Emperor By Anthony Birley Routledge, £40 ISBN 041516544X

flexibility in a lesbian affair with the poet Julia Balbilla.

The great love of Hadrian's own life was for the Bythynian boy Antinous whose death by drowning in the river Nile in AD 130 remains one of the most alluring mysteries in imperial history. Was it the suicide of a young man who no longer had boyish appeal for his master? Had the Egyptian gods demanded Hadrian's death and had Antinous offered himself in the emperor's place? Did Hadrian have Antinous murdered to save himself from the prophets of his doom? Whatever the cause,

Hadrian named a new city after the boy, promulgated his memory in coins and elevated him to the gods. Love? Guilt? Remorse? Birley gives a judicious account of the options before leaving the final answers to Marguerite Yourcenar and the modern romancers.

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Life with Hadrian was clearly not easy. He could be charming and rarely forgot a name or face. He allowed the poet Florus to write witty verses satirising his British travels - and even responded with a critique of the poet's pub-crawling. But like many artistic statesmen he allowed only a degree of licence to the thinkers around him. His pet Gallic philosopher Favorinus was once criticised for giving way too easily to the emperor's grammatical views: "you must allow me to consider him more learned," Favorinus replied,

for he is the lord of 30

Hadrian's original claim to the throne was far from perfect. He had to deal briskly with early rivals, executing four ex-consuls and only showing atonement in the security of his reign's end. By the time of his own death, however, he had left behind a 19-word poem addressed to his soul that is both fashionably archaic in tone and arguably superior to any literary work in history by a man of such power. John Donne, Lord Byron, Henry Vaughan and Stevie Smith have all left versions of "animula, vagula, blandula, hospes comesque corporis" and it remains a piece as characteristic as anything that this polymath emperor contributed to his own time and to ours - more so

music a language, and if so what does it communicate? In a movement, what moves? How exactly does music occupy space and time?

If I understand Scruton unattenuated by years of public neglect, will somehow shoulder one correctly, music is sound heard in a special way, much as a word is only recognised by the speaker of a language. It is an essentially human

phenomenon, created and re-

sponded to by ordered imagi-

about it is laden with metaphor - a melody rises and falls, cascades or falters, but there is no space within which these things happen. Listening to music, as when we perform a religious ritual, we engage in a search for meaning and strain to hear "the distant voices of the tribe". Music makes articulate the otherwise hidden form of our shared emotions. This is rich and rewarding

study, and I doubt whether anyone could have done it better. The density of the argument is relieved by Scruton's mastery of illustrative detail and his acerbic obiter dicta on everything from the lyrics of Kurt Cobain to the social setting of the gavotte. Above all, though, he has produced a work of philosophy at its most expansive. light-years removed from the logic-chopping of a generation ago. For Scruton, music pro-vides us with a glimpse of the human subject released from the world of objects, joining dance of sympathy which redeems us from our solitude. "Words still go softly out

towards the unsayable," wrote Rilke, "and music, always new, from palpitating stones/ Builds in useless space its godly home." Scruton, in this ambitious work, has given us a masterly insight into the architecture of tonality and why its "useless space" matters as a home of the human

Brookner: sharply authoritative

Criticism is not a novel experience

DIDEROT, Anita Brookner informs us en passant, considered that the critic's job was dull and flat. He spoke as a novelist who found that the day job obstructed the pursuit of the Muse. For Anita Brookner there seems to be no such conflict. The novels come out year by year, like roses, and the art history and literary. criticism can be spotted in newspapers like solitary swallows, now

gathered up here into a lively flock. Concentrating on the 19th century. Brookner writes authoritatively about painters such as Gericault, Ingres and Delacroix, and all kinds of writers, from Rousseau to the weird guy who invented the Scarsdale diet. Gathering up one's journalism is sometimes criticised as potboilerish; in Brookner's case the result is a treat. Each review sounds more like an original essay.

Michèle Roberts

SOUNDINGS By Anita Brookner Harvill, El6 ISBN 186046 3886

We eavesdrop on Brookner's impassioned conversations with some of the great icons, and equally great failures, of the Romantic era. So we meet poor Louise Colet, thinking that the way to Flaubert's heart was to turn up unannounced and ask to meet his mother, and the astonishing Madame de Stael, who wanted to be crowned as a goddess, and Theophile Gautier's daughter Judith who be-lieved that she was spiritually Japanese and wrote a guide to Tokyo without ever leaving Paris. Those, of course, were the heydays of Oriental-ism, and these fantasies have not worn well. Nonetheless, these hapless eccentrics spring to sharp and

glum life in Brookner's pages.
Part of the pleasure of this book comes from discerning the romantic novelist hiding behind the critic of Romanticism. Beginning her review of a book about Rosa Bonheur, Brookner tells us that "abroad, in provincial cities, indolent and homesick, one turns, as ever, to the museum. When one is in this mood, great masterpieces no longer serve their purpose: they are too important. too strenuous; they belong to a world outside one's own. From long experience one learns to follow the arrow which says Ecole française XIXe. siècle, and there on the attic floor . . . are those faithful and sturdy mediocrities

through until teatime." It's a shock to discover that we're not inside the pages of A Start in Life or Hôtel du Lac. Perhaps this is the intellectual underpinning of her fiction, the steel hoop under the crinoline. She writes feelingly of these forgotten painters: They match one's nostalgia for simple rules, simple illustrations, simple nourishment." Her novels mourn that too. Brookner as a moralist can be

than any wall.

brisk and fastidious. I admire her encyclopaediac sentences, whose pronouncements seem papal in their confident summing up. She's like Penelope, fobbing off her suitors, offering a tight weave of words, inviting you to jab with your crochet hook and re-ravel her: and then she's

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Recollections of a shining spirit

IF YOU were moved by Spielberg's Schindler's List or Keneally's novel before it, then this memoir by Frau Schindler is a must. Though not well written, it is extraordi-narily emotional, telling the story of Emilie Schindler, why she did what she did, and how She was born in a small

town called Alt-Molestein, in Moravia. She had a happy, unremarkable childhood and went on to an agricultural school. There she met a Jewish girl. Rita Gross, who became a close friend. Emilie Schindler. records how Rita was brutally murdered by the army com-mander at Alt-Molestein. She ponders on how he was later executed by the "Russians": perhaps to make us believe that eventually there is some divine justice, though it often does come too late."

Very young, she married the colourful Oskar Schindler. He was handsome, flashy, extravagant, and constitutionally unfaithful. At least one of his mistresses, Viktoria Klonowska, had excellent contacts with high authorities, and improved Oskar's connections with the Gestapo". This is the sort of bald comment Emilie Schindler often makes. Her husband's behaviour ob-

Julia Neuberger WHERE LIGHT AND SHADOW MEET

By Emilie Schindler with Erika Rosenberg Translated by Dolores M. Roch Norton, E16.95 ISBN 0 393 04123 9

viously shocked and distressed her - but it had, in retrospect, its uses. For at Plaschow, at the enamel factory Oskar ran, they had Jewish workers

whom they sheltered. But Amon Goeth wanted to close the Plaschow camp and send its occupants to Auschwitz. Schindler began to confide in his wife. He had been offered a factory in Brünnlitz, but had to persuade Goeth and then the Brünnlitz quartermaster general that he could take his workers. Emilie handled that negotiation. The general was her old swimming teacher, she

get her permit, and some Jews' lives were saved. But the women were to be sent to Auschwitz. The Schindlers asked an old friend, Hilde, to help. With her contacts, she succeeded. but no-one knows how, or



Happy, for a time: Emilie and Oskar Schindler in 1942

what became of her. Emilie Schindler says: "I think this book provides a good opportunity to offer this extraordinary woman recognition for all she

The same could be said for Emilie Schindler. She nursed "her" Jews, and worked tirelessly with Oskar to save them. After the war they ended up in Argentina -where, ultimately, he abandoned her. She is bitter, for she was poor and alone. But now, at nearly 90, she has help, and good connections with the Jewish community. with friends. She has also had recognition - a visit to the Pope, to the Chief Rabbi of Rome, to the President of Germany, and a German Order of Merit.

But what is she left with? She does not regard herself as a heroine, but through her hundreds of people survived. Though ordinary, she be-haved like a good human being in extreme circumstances, without fuss. That is heroic, in my terms. And there

ATHLETICS

BY JOHN GOODBODY

DONOVAN BAILEY, the

Olympic 100 metres champi-

As the UK Sports Council

hosted an emergency meeting in London over the plight of

the BAF, which is in adminis-

tration, the Canadian sprinter

joined British competitors such as Linford Christie and

Roger Black, who await

said yesterday: "We have been paid for all the meetings

in Britain except one and that was the event at Crystal Palace on August 17 between

select team. Several of our athletes, including Donovan.

took part. We were promised

last week that we would

Black, Kelly Holmes and

board members of the British

Athletes Association, will meet in Birmingham today to

discuss their action. Shaun

Pickering, the international

shot putter who is also a

board member, said that the meeting had been scheduled for some time but "obviously

receive the money."

(BAF).

RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND COACH TO RELY ON SQUAD HE WANTS RATHER THAN ONE HE INHERITED

Woodward faces selection headache

By David Hands, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

INTROSPECTION has never been a particularly English custom but that is what the national management and players will be doing next month as they parade their skills against the best the southern hemisphere can offer. This is the time to study ourselves," Clive Woodward said at Bisham Abbey yesterday. "It's a big learning opportunity for all of us."

Woodward, the England coach, now has something close to the squad of players he wants, rather than the one he inherited, and the seven representative matches between November 15 and December 6 will allow him to run as thorough a rule as possible over them. Of the 40-strong squad gathered at Bisham, most, if not all, can look forward to appearances against New Zealand during that time, either in the two internationals or the three development teams which will face the All Blacks at Huddersfield, Leicester and

Whatever the name says -Emerging England, an England Rugby Parternship XV or England A — Woodward will have the major input so that the greatest number of players pressing for international status can be exposed to the southern-hemisphere chall-enge. The hardest part of the job is selection," he said. That's the biggest thing you do as a coach.

One player he knows will be unavailable is Jeremy Guscott, the Bath centre, who described himself as "devastated" that he will miss all the pre-Christmas internationals

RUGBY Football League (RFL) officials are to consider

reverting to two divisions next year. The likelihood of clubs

merging and encouraging moves to set up new fran-

chises in areas such as South

Wales and Scotland has re-

opened the debate over the

The RFL council decided

x weeks ago that any

changes would not come into

effect until 1999, but the newly

reconstituted board of direc-

tors has asked Super League

clubs to examine the possibili-

ty of scrapping three divisions

matters that we have referred

back to Rugby League Europe (RLE) for discussion,

Sir Rodney Walker, the RFL

chairman, said. "We're asking

them to consider things such

as new teams and the number of teams in Super League and

whether it is a possibility to go

Some clubs are said to be

to two divisions next year."

There are a number of

with immediate effect.

structure of the game.

because of a disc problem in his back. "Guscott on top form would definitely have been in the team," Woodward said. "but we can't afford to lose sleep over it.
"If you want to play a

certain way, outside centre is a key position. Either you reassess your thinking or you look for another player who can cope with that position."
Phil de Glanville, England's

captain, has proved as adaptable as anyone during his Will Greenwood played outside centre when he began his career with Leicester, before taking on responsibilities closer to the scrum, which helped him into last summer's British

Isles tour party.

Woodward perceives the coming month, when England play Australia and South Africa, as well as New Zealand, as the equivalent of a domestic tour, keeping his top 36 play-ers together for as long as possible. That should be good news for England, if not for the leading clubs whose prime assets will be away and therefore reduce gate receipts.

Coincidentally, at a time when England's leading administrators, both from the clubs and the Rugby Football Union, are considering the possibility of a first division split into two conferences of eight clubs each, the French are thinking of going in the e top 20 clubs in France are divided into two pools who come together in a knockout phase after the five nations'

championship is over. However, in response to a perceived threat from Bernard

RUGBY LEAGUE

winner in game's overhaul

By Christopher Irvine

unhappy about staging just li

home Super League matches and that may persuade RLE to increase the number of

teams to 14. That could mean

promotion for the division

one runners-up. Hudders-field, and a place for a new

The Cumbrian clubs, Bar-

row and Carlisle, have held

discussions about joining

forces and a consortium rep-

Robinson: under contract



Chris Sheasby, Neil Back and Mark Regan in training for England yesterday; they are part of a 40-strong squad

Lapasset, the president of the French Rugby Federation, that a regional competition should be introduced, the clubs have agreed this week to recommend the formation of a top tier of professional clubs playing in one united division. Only Grenoble were missing

resenting York is believed to have made an offer to take

over Hull KR and play match-

An eventful week for Mar-

tin Crompton, who withdrew

from the Great Britain squad

for the series against Austra-

lia next month and then re-

yesterday in a move by the

Ireland scrum half from

Oldham Bears to Salford

Crompton, 28, joined Sal-

No announcement on the

availability to Great Britain of

Jason Robinson and Gary

Connolly for the opening international, at Wembley on November 1, is expected by the Australian Rugby League (ARL), to whom the Wigan

pair are contracted, until after

the world club championship

final early tomorrow in

ford as a free agent on a two-year contract after Oldham's

Reds.

liquidation.

Auckland.

himself, ended

es at Bootham Crescent.

from the meeting in Toulouse which seeks to persuade Lapasset to abandon his regional theory.
"You cannot ask the clubs to

be more professional and say on the other hand that a provincial competition will take priority." Pierre-Yves

Revol, the president of Castres, said. "Should we go on taking such risks when we have aiready taken so many? Provincial rugby is not adapted to the culture and reality of French rugby."
Brive, the best of French

the Heineken Cup, have ar ranged their play-off match with Pontypridd in this season's competition for November I: Cardiff will play Llanelli on the same day and it is likely that Leicester's game with Glasgow will also go ahead on

BOWLS

Huddersfield may be the first | Booth misses out on jackpot with his last-ditch gamble

By DAVID RHYS JONES

ploy failed, however. Booth

missed the jack and had to

revert to the draw shot. The

crowd loved it, but, as far as

Booth was concerned, the

stepped in to claim victory

Corsie opened with a maxi-

More drama followed, as

with a single.

WHILE Hugh Duff's exciting victory over Neil Booth enthralled a capacity attendance at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday and earned him a place in the quarter-finals of the Bupa Care Homes Open. a spate of full houses on the portable rink enlivened the match between Richard Corsie and Neil Burkett.

When this arena is full, bowls, not renowned as a spectator sport, becomes theatre, and the skill of the world's best players inspires a reverential hush, punctuated by the occasional cough and move into voluntary choruses of oohs and aahs.

Yesterday, it seemed, a scriptwriter had been hired to add twists of fate, dramas and denouements to heighten the entertainment. Duff, the holder, settled

briskly, pocketing the first set 7-1 against the Irish champi-on, but the roles were reversed in the second set, Booth hitting back to win 7-4.At 6-6 in the deciding set, Booth set

mum count against Burkett tongues wagging by setting a short jack and attempting to only to drop a full house on ditch it with his first bowl. The the second end, before taking the first set 7-4 with a treble on the third end. Yet another full house put Corsie in control in the second set, but Burkett, a tenacious South African, levelled the match with a 7-6 win. chance had gone and Duff

Corsie, who has won the world indoor singles title three times, was the complete master in the final set, allowing Burkett a double on the third end, but scoring shots on six of the seven ends for a 7-4.

6-7, 7-2 victory. The entry of Tony Allcock had speciators agog, because the world outdoor champion, though seeded fifth here, still exudes the air of the leading man. But a shock was in store. for he was upstaged by John Price, a slender Welshman, who drew to the jack superbly and completed his 7-0, 7-3 victory with a sizzling take-

Results, page 45 | funds to pay off old debts."

European Bailey adds badminton his-name coup for to list of creditors

on, is among the foreign athletes who yesterday emerged as creditors of the British Athletic Federation est event in the history of the

championships is a further triumph for the Scottish Bad-minton Union, which hosted the European zone of the Thomas and Uber Cups world team championships in Glasgow in 1994 and a particularly successful European champi onships at the same Kelvin Hall venue in 1992.

Gittins power

Powerbeating: A world record and two national records were broken on Windermere yesterday in the third day of the Powerboat Record Attempts Week. Andrew Gittins, 30, of Bromsgrove, set a world mark of 83.76mph in the OCR A class for offshore racing circuit boats of over 1800cc, overtaking Martyn Rendall, of Taunton, who, having broken the record the day before, had raised it to 82.74mph earlier.

it takes on an added importance now". He said that the less well known British athletes had airady been paid for meetings this year and it was the stars who were the creditors.

Pickering said that it was essential that there was only one body. "Otherwise there is no future for the sport. You cannot go on with lots of different organisations pull-

ing the sport apart."
He added: "Some of the blame must be attached to the grass roots because they have been unwilling to support themselves."

Pickering was backed by John Lister, the first BAF treasurer, who said: "We identified two or three real opportunities to raise money yet because of all the infighting and backbiting on the

federation, they were ignored.
"I wanted BAF to instigate a national registration scheme that we felt could raise up to £500,000 a year. There was also a call to resurrect the national awards

sponsored." Lister, who resigned as treasurer 18 months ago, added: "I certainly don't derive any pleasure from the fact that I forecast this disaster and warned the BAF directors. There was no will on the board of directors of the BAF to face up to realities."

Sir Rodney Walker, the acting chairman of the UK Sports Council, said: "Whilst the sports councils across the UK are committed to assisting in whatever way we can, what we will not do is use public.

Scotland SCOTLAND was yesterday awarded the European badminton championships for the year 2000 to be held in Edinburgh. The announce-ment came only four months after Glasgow staged the largsport, the 68-nation world

championships.
The award of the European

The two national records came from Jon Fuller, of Shepperton, Middlesex, with a speed of 79.37mph in the new Touring offshore class, and John Lindsay, of Southampton, who achieved 71.22mph in the Biboa Formula II rigid inflatable class.

Spain sparkle

Hockey: Spain trounced Holland 5-2 in the six-nation Champions Trophy in Adelaide yesterday to dent the Olympic champions bid to defend their title. Germany, the European champions. moved into second place on seven points, two behind Australia, the unbeaten hosts, with a 3-1 win over the Asian champions, South Korea.

Mighty Marlins

Baseball: The Florida Marlins, in only their fifth year, powered past the Atlanta Braves 7-4 to win the National League finals and qualify for the World Series.

Slight switch

Motor racing: Aaron Slight, the world superbike motorcylce rider, switches to racing on four wheels at Donington Park on Sunday in the winnertakes-all £25,000 RAC Tourist Trophy.

Mixed quest

Table tennis: The International Table Tennis Federation has submitted a request to Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic Committee president, that mixed doubles be added to the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

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MOTOR RALLYING

Duff: hard-pressed

Helping hand for **McRae**

COLIN McRAE was handed victory in the Rally of San Remo yesterday by his team-mate. Piero Liatti, keeping the Scor's faint hopes of winning

the world title alive.

McRae trailed his Subaru colleague Liatti by four seconds after the 25 special stages, but the Italian then allowed McRae through to win by six seconds.
Tommi Makinen, of Fin-

land, the world championship leader, finished third in his Mitsubishi Lancer, two sec-onds in front of his title rival, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, in a Ford Escort. The Italian. Liatti, acting under team in-structions, failed to pass the final control point within the required time and was given a ten-second penalty - giving McRae victory.

David Richards, who owns

Prodrive which commissions the Subaru team, said afterwards it had not been an easy or a difficult decision to make. 'It was logical." he said. McRae and Liatti had

swapped the lead continually during the day with no more than six seconds between them before the controversial finish. The start was typical. McRae erased one second from Liatti's overnight lead in the first special stage of the day and went one second in front of the Italian on the third special. Liatti was four seconds faster than McRae in the 21st stage, briefly reclaiming

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Gold Cup rivals clash

COOME HILL could face a rematch with Mr Mulligan at Wincanton a week today. Walter Dennis, the trainer of Coome Hill, has stated his intention to return the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup winner to action in the Desert Orchid South West Pattern Chase, which is also the target for Mr Mulligan, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner. But Derinis is keen not to rush his eight-year-old, who has not run since finishing well beaten behind Mr. Mulligan at Cheltenham in March.





Ffrench maintains momentum

By CHRIS MCGRATH

AS THE runners struggle through the closing stages of Tote Cesarewitch, 24 miles seems plenty far enough. After all, this is the race that famously starts in Cambridge and finishes in Suffolk.

When Royston Ffrench won last year's running on Inchcailloch, however, he knew that he had barely begun a much longer journey. It would do honour to his further progress since if, at Newmarket on Saturday, the

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SILK ST JOHN (3.40 Newmarket) Next best: Gaelic Storm (3.10 Newmarket)

partnership could become the first to win successive runnings of the race in its 158-

year history.

For, in securing the apprentice jockeys' championship on 67 winners, he stands 16 clear of Martin Dwyer - he has not only had to win races. He has had to take the race out of racing. Until his breakthrough, there were as many coloured jockeys in the weighing room as there are jockeys with moustaches. Nobody harbours any dark suspicions about the prejudice against facial hair, however, and Firench, 22, is adamant that



he has never been thwarted by anything more sinister than his own immaturity.

This Shropshire lad, son of a Jamaican father, is emphatic. "I've never had any prob-lem whatsoever." he said. Everyone has always been helpful and supportive, all the way down the line." Racing is a more cosmopolitan sport than its conservative image

shows it to recognise that cultural diversity preserves a society from stagnation.

Under the tutelage of an Italian trainer, Luca Cumani (who previously nurtured the talents of Frankie Dettori and Jason Weaver), with a grounding from the British Racing School, and working winters in California, Ffrench is very much a jockey for today. He certainly looks like one, sa-

vouring the deft, lissom style imported from America, and given such vogue by Dettori. Every day at Mr Cumani's, you are riding good horses and learning about how much you've got under you. And Mr Cumani watches even my outside rides and tells me if I've done anything wrong.

"Now I face my next big challenge. I've only 12 more winners before losing my

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competing on level terms. Why should a trainer put up a jockey just out of his apprenticeship when he can get Frankie?

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But you should never stop learning. I always try to improve myself, listen to people, watch everything i do from the basics up. As an athlete, you should be everevolving. You only get out of the game what you put into it, and you only get one chance. I nearly missed that chance in two dead-end jobs lin a factory and a garagej."

Firench knows that he needs to sustain the momentum of his career by stumbling across a good horse next year. For now, he can ask no more than for another stirring effort from Inchcailloch, who has been in the game longer than him, and built up a public following with his valiant endeavours both on the Flat and steeplechasing. "He had a setback after winning the Oueen's Prize, and was off for some time afterwards. But he ran very well over a trip short of his best at Newmarket the other day," Firench said.

With a composure and dignity consistent with a physically slight young man, one short of a black belt in karate, you get the impression that Ffrench treats Inchcailloch as some sort of role model. He may not have encountered discrimination, but he is certainly not expecting any

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Silk St John to gain NEWMARKET smooth success

NEWMARKET **CHANNEL 4**

2.05: Aerleon Pete, a progressive three-year-old, looks sure to be involved in the finish. After winning a maiden at Windsor two months ago, Michael Stoute's runner followed up with a six-length victory at Goodwood before improving again at Haydock last time. The Caerleon colt stayed on strongly from a poor position in a slowly run race to finish third and can resume winning ways here. The Dilettanti would have claims on his early season form but may not be able to dominate, and Solo Mio and Heritage are bigger. dangers.

2.35: Both Blue Kite and Love Again appeared to show improved form on the all-weather at Wolverhampton last time when finishing first and second. Brian Meehan had five entered for this race but relies on Dernier Croise, who improved to win a claimer under top weight at Lingfield 13 days ago. He took on decent opposition, including Xaar, in France during the summer and may be leniently treated. Kheyrah and The Downtown Fox have sound form claims.

3.10: The soft ground at Ascot last Saturday saw Dancethenightaway bounce back to her best when beating Ansellman. Any overnight rain would help her cause. Mark John-

Going: heavy 2.00 (1m 2l 120yd) 1, Topstorl (D Biogs. 10-1), 2, Top Jam (9-2), 3, Surmy Isla (8-1) Karaka: 5-2 lav 13 ran 1 vl. 31 M Tomphars Tote £17.80 £3 40 £1 70 £3.00. DF- £3.80 Tro. £114.30 CSF £54.34. Tricast: £365.77

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Tno E10.70. CSF S12.07 5.00 (5) 1. Supreme Angel (D Holland, 11-27; 2. Classy Cleo (4-1 tay); 3. Ouz Master (14-1), 12 (an. Nk. 2); M Murgoridge, Tole (2-50, 22-80, 21-50, 24-20, DF S14-80, Tno (24-8-80 CSF 528 c5 Tricses E291.02

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TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ston runs both Tadeo and Gaelic Storm but, interestingly. Jason Weaver rides Gaelio Storm; who is still on the upgrade. Winner of three of his last four starts — and fifth in the Ayr Gold Cup — the Shavian colt possesses plenty of pace and should be suited by this stiff five furlongs. .

3.40: Yalta made all the running when winning at Kempton last month but only just held on from the fastfinishing Silk St John. Mick Ryan's runner subsequently ran respectably in the Cam-bridgeshire, finishing six lengths behind the winner, on ground which was unsuitably fast. Today's easier surface should suit and he can quicken well at the end of a race as he showed when winning on the July course 11 weeks ago. Jay Owe Two showed improved form to win at Pontefract and should be thereabouts along with Consort.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

RICHARD EVANS

pp in pound.
4.10 (1m 54yd) 1, Brighstone (A McGlone, 7-2 tay); 2, Scaraben (4-1), 3, Despring (33-1), 17 nn NR. Effentescence. Sh hid. 4t (M Pops. Tote, 23 70, 52,00, 51,60, 57,60, DF; 57,50, Tino. \$132,00, CSF; 514,67.

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1.30 Oh So Easy

2.05 Heritage

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

4.15 Generous Terms 2.35 Golden Strategy firmekeeper's top rating: 4.50 SILVERANI.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Heritage, 2.35 PERSIANO (nap).

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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.30 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £6,028: 7f) (30 names)

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701	(15)	2605634	ARM AND A LEG 22 (F) (Mrs R Agglo) C Dayer 9-2 J Red	78
102	(101)	.0003304	FLGRAVE 9 (R Sunley Tice) C Dwyer 8-11	75
103	(17)	20	PLYMIG BOLD 25 (Mrs H Levy) W Mar 8-11	61
104	(14)	0330004	MAMORA BAY 10 (8) (D Winter) M Templens 8-11	86
105	m	0606	MR MIYAGE 27 (B) (Sandybrow Stables Ltd) A Barley 8-11 D Whight	86
106	(19)	06443	OH SO EASY 25 (Easycoll Partnerstop No ?) B Marches 8-11 J Weaver	89
107	(12)		OPENING NIGHT (Miss J Remind) R Simpson 8-71 M Gallagher PRINCE COLEY B4 (8 Perinada G L Moore 8-11	_
108	(23)	0	PRINCE COLLEY B4 (8 Prince() G (Moore 8-11 A Clark	46
109	. (5)	4503005	RINGLEADER 21 (B) (Austral) P Cole 8-11 T Ozerni	90
· 110-	(F)	CO O	ROCK SOUNDS 14 (Airs S Miller) N Calleghan 8-11 S Drowse	48
			SLEDMERE 15 (Coritac Promotions Ltd) N Tinider 8-11 W Ryan	
112			SUPERCRIBEF 28 (Sir Freddie Laker) Miss B Sanciers 8-11 DOWSTFUL	87
		055640	TOM DOUGAL 25 (Mrs. N. Stewart) C Smith 8-11 J.F. Eggas	78
114			ZMIZE 20 (G Standong) M Haynes 8-11	
115			BLIJE ZOLA 29 (Billion in Mind Parmership) M Red 8-6 R Mallen (5)	
116		064	DRLLY LANE 18 (Bits Racing Club) P R Webber 8-6 R Perhans	68
117		300	FAIR SOMA 37 (Deterrere Cottage (1997)) K McAstiffe 8-5 D O'Donoboe	_76
118	(2)		FANTI DANCER 9 (BF) (Mrs B Bril) B Moeton B-6	
119			FIVE FAIRUES 22 (Mrs T Foreman) N Callaghen 8-6 R Firench (3)	
120		4335	FRANKE FAIR 74 (M HSB) M Jarvis 8-6 R Cochrane	65
121			BAPULSIVE DECISION 13 (Ladyswood RC) M Meade 8-6 D McKeown	
122			MADANE JONES 22 (E Jones (Panis) Lixi) B Meshan 8-6 M Tebbust	
123	(13)	465400	MARI-ELA 37 (J Gale) J Armold 8-6	- 77
			PATRICIA CILIVE 37 (V) (M Tompless Elile) M Tompless 8-6 M Heavy (3)	
125			PRIMARY COLOURS (Chereley Park Stud) W Hagges 8-6 M Hills	_
126			RESURRECTION 30 (R Levest R Hamon 8-6 Dass O'Neil	
127			SCENE 9 (P Doon) M Meade 8-5	
128	(16)	- 5	SHENDIUM 188 (Mrs. J Commell) C Dwyer 8-6 K Fallon	69
739	(24)	000	THE DRUMDESS 1B (Bravery Recting) 6 Bravery 8-6 N Day VICKY #AZZ 85 (Mrs V Goodman) J S Moore 8-6 J Quan	56
				32
BEΠ	NG: 6	-1 Alogica	ter. 7-1 Blue Zate, 8-1 Oh So Easy 10-1 Mamora Bay, Tom Dougal. 12-1 others.	
		. 19	96. RIMER OF FORTUNE 8-6 R Mullen 17-2 tavi M Templans 27 ran	
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Arm And A Leg 14(1 4th to Seeta in 1m11 Goodword seller (good to firm) with Favir Parlies (5th better off) 24(1 7th. Fitgrave 64(1 4th to Greentrook in 77 Redcar claimes (good to firm) with Favir Diances (levels) 13(9th. Mammar 89) 8(4 th to Adese Holders on 1m34) Workerhampton maden suction (AW). On Se Easy 34(1 3rd to Surveyor in 6f Kempton nursery (good). Ringleader 34(1 5th to Ricci maiden (good) Blue Zoda 54(1 3rd to Central Committee in 74/6 Beverley maden auction (good to firm). Diby Lane 6f 4th to Practician Gold in 6f Modingham matien auction (good) with The Druidess (5th worse off) 14(1 This Traince Fair 44/6 5th to Sandmor Tartar on 6 Chester nursery (good to firm). Impulsive Decision 34(1 3rd to Demicr Crose in 6f Linglied claimer (lam) Madame Jones 13(1) 3rd to Imstrishmay in 71 Goodword auchini stakes (good) Patricta Olive 10(1 5th to Francescr's Folly in 1 m Leicester selling nursery (good to firm) with Frant Denier (12th better off) 11(1 7th. Scene 44(1 3rd to Grace Browning in 6t Warwick maiden auchon (good to firm) Shindium 34(1 5th to The Beat Rolls On in 51 Beverley seller (good to firm).

PANGLEADER lakes a helity drop in class here and is expected to go well

Better Office 294 4h to Ridwigma in 14m Ascot bandicap (good to timm) with Willie Conquer (levels) 3%4 5th and Roberby Bond (1th better offi 644 8th. The Diletternii 91 17th to Pasternat in 14m) with Generous Libra. (3th better off) 411 24th. Solo Milo beat Ribra 294 in 114m Persentate Handicap (good to timm) with Dance So Suite (7th better off) 341 3rd, Forza Piglio (9th better off) 944 4th and Papus (9th better off) 94 6th. Assas 151 10th to Henley in 14m Forza (1904 better off) 94 6th. Assas 151 10th to Henley in 14m English bendicap (good) with Present Annual (2th better off) 12 6th. Henley 344 7th to Kuchena in 14m Newmarks Handicap (good) with Present Annual (2th better off) 12 6th. Henlage 344 7th to Arcia: Owl in 15m York handicap (good) with Present Annual (2th better off) 12 6th. Henlage 344 7th to Arcia: Owl in 15m York handicap (good) with Resemants appendicap (good) Aerteon Petts 11 3rd to Marsul in 15m Haydock handicap (good) with Celestical Choir (1th better off) 342 8th. Double Alleged 281 17th to Taunt in 15m Ascot handicap (good) With Celestical Choir (1th better off) 342 8th. Double Alleged 281 17th to Taunt in 15m Ascot handicap (good) HERRITAGE entheticity enough class was presented to the neugon of York.

HERITAGE, potentially group class, was upscaled by the ground at York

2.05 FAKENHAM RATED HANDICAP

(£8,608: 1m 4i) (20 runners)

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2.35~MGK spark plugs nursery Handicap (2-Y-0: £6,836; 6f) (18 runners)

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01	(9)	21054	CONTRARY MARY 44 (BF.F) (W. Jackson) G Lewis 9-7 Paul Editory	88
12	(133)	611	KHEYRAH 20 (D.F.G) (H al-Makroum) E Dentrop 9-7	112
13	(10)	62230	NUCLEAR DEBATE 14 (BF) (J Chester) Nas J Ramaden 9-6 . J Fortune	98
н	(8)	2226261	BLUE KITE 16 (T Clarke) H Literactery 9-4 J Westver	103
15	(16)	0512302	PREMIUM PURSUIT 25 (D.G) (J Parsons) R Fatey 9-2 R Contraria	114
16	(4)	501	LADY CHARLOTTE 17 (D.F.) (Lotavas Stud) D Essent: 9-2	- 89
1	(15)		GOLDEN STRATEGY 30 (F) (C Ten) R Harmon 8-11 . Dame O'Neel	105
12	(2)	635	THE DOWNTOWN FOX 18 (6 Whitaker) 8 Methation 8-9 . S Sanders	100
19	(3)	4554501	DEPANIER CROSSE 13 (D,F) (E Jones (Panils) Ltd) B Mestan 3-9 . M Tebboti	92
iC	(12)	2142420	DEMOLITICAL XO 6 (V,F) (J Pugh) P Evans 8-8 J F Egast	106
Ħ	(7)	043	DANCING WOLF 25 (Mrs. I Hayes) Gay Kelleway 8-8 J Reid	65
12	(5)	222	LOWE ASAIN 16 (K. Ratcielle) M. Bell 8-6 R. Mollen (5)	93
3	(14)	DO 4	MUYASSIR 13 (H al-Mairtourn) C Benslezd 8-6 J Quints	87
4	(17)	504	PERSIAND 12 (Miss & Church) J Fanshame 8-5 . N Day	94
5	(1)	6143332	INCHALONG 8 (D.G.) (Northgate Lodge Poirs) 14 Britain 8-2 . D Merragh (7)	1D7
6			SARA MOON CLASSIC 33 (V) (Highgrove Ltd) K McAufille 7-13 R Phreach (3)	91
7	(6)	9421530	MEAN'S BUSINESS 48 (B,F) (Trustoe II) B Meetern 7-12 . Martin Diviner	110

(18) 3035012 SWANMORE LADY 20 (D.F) (A Auton) S.C. Williams 7-10 . . . SETTING: 11-2 Noticer Debate, 7-1 Kiteyrah, inchalong, 70-1 Contrary Many, Blue Lady Charlotte, Golden Stralegy, Demoer Crosse, Dancong Wolf, Persano, 14-1 nither

Contrary Mary 31 4th to Thanksgwing in 51 Folkestone stakes (good) with Dermier Croise (14th better off) 6545 5th Kheyrah bed Stancton Berry mec's in 61 Heydock nursery (good). Nuclear Debation in 61 Montenanted nursery (good) Bibe Kite beat Love Again (11th better off) 154 in 51 Wolverhampton maiden auction (AW). Premaum Pursuit 4/ 2nd to Hupoem in 61 Ayr nursery (good to soh), Lady Charlotte beat Tasklut 1154 in 51 Bailt maden (good to firm). Golden Strategy 31 and to Bliss in 51 Sandown nursery (good). The Downstown Fox 7341 5th to Sewing Sister in 61 Notingham maden auction (good). Demier Croise beat Carculeer neck in 61 Linglield clariner (firm) Dancing Wolf 1141 3rd to Refined in 51 Kempton maiden (good) with Lady Charlotte (8th order of 1547). The Montenand Art of 15 Kempton maiden (good) with Lady Charlotte (8th order of 1547). The Montenand Art of 1547 firm, Montenand 254 4th to Sky Rocker in 61 Notingham maiden (good to turn). Inchalong neck 2nd to Special Treat in 61 York nursery (good). Swarmore Lady shirt and 2nd to Mighty Sure in 51 Redicar nursery (tirm). KHEYRAH is improving last and looks better than a handicappea

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401	(5) 0410001	TADEO 18 (D.F.G.S) /J Good) Lf Johnston 4-9-7	. RHSEs	9
402		THE PLOZILER 36 (O.G.S) (Lizdy Richard Wellesley) 8 Hills 6-9-5	Maj Habels	8
403		INDIAN SPARK 17 (D.F.S) (F Brady) J Boxes 3-9-4		8
404		BOWDEN ROSE 13 (B.C.D.F.G) (G Basley) M Blanchard 5-9-3 D :		9
405	(10) -540003	OCHREE SPLENDOUR 29 (F.G.S) (Youtshare RC 1990) P Felipate 7-9-2	A HAredan (3)	8
406	(8) 205d440	BOLD EFFORT 26 (8,F,S) (A fluctions) is Consumptom-Brown 5-9-1	K Falton	9
407	(4) 5200522	CROFTERS CELLOH 18 (D.F.G.) (Ltc. M. Mediangs) B McMahon 5-9-1	3 Senders	æ
408	(5) 9023061	DANEETHENGHTAWAY 5 (D.F.S) (C. Borsley) B Meetian 3-8-13 (Ca	u; JRend	93
409	(12) -801151	GAELIC STORM 19 (D.F.G.S.) (H C Racing Club) M Johnston 3-8-11		10
410	(13) 0400050	HELLO MUSTER 14 (D.F.G.S) (B Magen) T Powell 6-8-11 P	McCabe (3)	9
411	(16) 1443205	SUPPRISE MISSION 5 (D.F.G.S) (D Brotheston) Mrs. J Rantsden 5-8-10	J fortune	9
412		TWICE AS SHARP 18 (D.F.G) (Formula Teature) P Harts 5-8-9	. Tününe	9
413			D Mckepen	9
414		MARCH CRUSADER 33 (F,S) (M a)-Maldourn) B Hardury 3-8-7		9
415		REPERTORY 5 (D,G) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-6-7	S Drawne	9.
416	(31) 2320122	ANSELLMAN 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Ansells of Washord) J Berry 7-8-7 C	Lowther (5)	711
417	(18) 1010040	THE GAY FOX 25 (D.F.S.) (6 Whitaker) B McMahon 3-8-7	L Detton	- 2
419	(2) 1-00000	URSA MAJOR 19 (K Blake) P kellenay 3-8-7	مواسی ا	75

BFTIBIC: 13-2 Suppres Mission, 7-1 Bouden Rose, Conceinenghtassy, 8-1 Crotters Cellish Areal Taden, Gaelic Storm, 12-1 others 1996: MIDMISHT ESCAPE 3-8-12 IL Caricle (25-1) C Wall 22 ran

Taken best Crofters Cestidn (Hb better off) neck in 51 Notiringham stakes (good). Indian Spark 479-5th in Brane Edge in 61 Hamilton stakes (good). Bowden Rose beat Placin D'Amour 134 in 61 Newmarket handicap (good in firm) with Dencethersightaway (3th better off) 334-15th. Doubte Splendour 134 and in March Star in 61 Yamouth stakes (sum). Demcethersightaway beat Auselman (1th better off) and in 64 Nexts handicap (heavy) with Repertory (1th better off) 31 4th and Surprise Mission (73th better off) 334-15th Gaetic Storm heat Ather) The Eear 234 in 61 Carter(c) Immidel stakes (good). Netto Nester 819-1 last of 8 to Decturing Bale in 51 Newmarket islated stakes (good). Lago Di Varano 134-15th (Carter(c)) Process off) 234-19th, Twice As Straip (Sbb better off) 444-12th. Repertory (Newls), 634-14th, The Proceser (3th better off) 543-15th, Bowden Rose (4th worse off) 641-16th, Indian Spark (4th better off) 71 7th and Surprise Mission (2th better off) 933-70th March Cartesider 134-15th for Wildwood Flower in 61 Goodwood handicap (good to soit)

GAFLIC STORM is thriving at present and must run very well

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501	(27) 0061261	YALTA 25 (B.D.F,G) (Lord Weinstorle), P. Charlion 4-9-13	T Sprate	
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503	(23) 05-0500	SKY DOME 92 (C.D.F.S) (Mr.:: D Mercon) Li Tompton: 4-9-9	M Henry (3)	
504	(1) 3-51203	GREEN POWER 25 (D,5) (Deate Ltd) J Fanshave 3-9-9	. Tübulinin	
505	(17) 4-12610	YOUNG PRECEDENT 19 (F) (Pendley Knight:) P Harte 3-9-9 C	Lowther (5)	
506	(2) -313420	SEK ST JOHN 12 (D.G) (C R S Panners) M Ryan 3-9-8	. 6 Carter	
507		GRAND MUSICA 20 (G) (Mach 3 Placing) Baiding 4-3-7		
506		CYBERTECHNOLOGY 11 (D.F.G) (W Steeley) B Hills 3-9-7		
509		NO MORE PRESSURE 134 (D) (P Green) Mrs. J Ramsdan 3-9-6		
510	(22) 606-500	POLAR ECLIPSE 5 (S) (J Good) 8 Mechan 4-9-4	M Tebbuil	
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512	(11) -204030	DOLDBLE-J 48 (F) (D Armiage) K AlcAudifle 3-9-4	S Sanders	
513	(f) 0d11216	INTERDREAM 41 (F,G) (C Fai A M Hoalon, R Hannon 3-9-3	Crane Cinkel	
514	(5) 00000041	_UAY-OWE-TWO 10 (V,D,F) (R Whitake) R Whitake 5-9-3 (Sex) Des	an McKeynin	
515		MOUNT HOLLY 27 (BF) (Sheath Mahammed) J Gosden 3-9-1		
516		MASTER BEVELED 8 (CD.F.G.S) (Mrs. E Viidiams) P Evans 7-9-0		
517			J Reid	
51B		SUALTACH 20 (F,S) (N Sweeney) R Hollushead 4-8-13		
519		STELLAR LINE 127 (F) (Dayssey Pacing) M Polylase 4-8-12		
520		DEFINED FEATURE 9 (B,F) (D Johnson) Or J Scargili 4-8-12		
521		MUTABARI 8 (H Al-Linutara) K Mahus 3-2-10	R HEES	
522		TRADING ACES 43 (V.G. (R Michaelson) M Beti 3-5-10		
523		WAINING BEACH 74 (D.F.G) (Mr. J Moore) G.1 Moore 6-8-7 (
524		COMANCHE COMPANION 18 (D.F.G.S) (Hever RC) I Naughton 7-1		
525		JBERIEEN 43 (D.F.G.S) (L. Shendan) P Hosting 5-8-3		
526	(18) 0330136	GRO 10 (F) (V R V Partnershop) J Povilion 3-8-0	S Drowne	
527	(12) 5-004	ARCO COLORA 33 (H Springleto Left D Elsarotti 3-8-0 F YOUNG BUTT 26 (D.S) (D Neuman) 6 Pearce 4-3-0 MONTE CAVO 29 (D.G.S) (M Birtan) M Britan 6-7-12 D	i Fireren (3)	
526	(16) 50130-0	YOUNG BUTT 26 (D,S) (D Newman) B Pearce 4-3-0	6 Bardwell	
529	(29) 3013300	MONTE CAVO 23 (D.G.S) (M Billiam) M Britain 6-7-12 D	Memegn (7)	
530	(25) 0244065	MANIKATO 71 (V) (Edematic Bloodstook) 5 Casyroke 3-7-11	. N Adams	

BETTING: 7-1 Concort 8-1 Yalia 10-1 Green Power, Still Se John Jay-One-Time, Moont Holly, 12-1 Young Proceeding, Relace To Loca 14-1 others: 1996. SALTANDO 5-7-11 Martin Davier (50-1) Pai Marchell (8 ran

FORM FOCUS

Yatta beat Sitk St. John (1tib better of) neck in 1m Kempton and 151 15th. Green Power 641 3rd to Shawn in 1m Haydock handicap (good). Consort 3l 2nd to Gull Shaadi in 1m Accol handicap (good). Consort 3l 2nd to Gull Shaadi in 1m Accol handicap (good). Consort 3l 2nd to Gull Shaadi in 1m Accol handicap (good). Storag Precedent 141 17th to John Hill in 71 Accol handicap (good) from 1m Haydock handicap (good) Young Precedent 141 17th to John Hill in 71 Accol handicap (good) and 1m Haydock handicap (good) better 10 Chest 151 15th to Largesse in 1m 1m Haydock handicap (good) interdream 151 15th to Largesse in 1m 1m 1m 1m Haydock handicap (good) better 10 10 Haydock handicap (good) haster Beveled 11 2nd to McGillycutdy Reeks in 112m York handicap (good) Pericles beat Rock Island Line 81 in 71 Wolverhampton clariner (AW) Suafach 344 4th to Duraid in 1m Haydock handicap (good) and Masser Beveled (1th better off) 121 9th and Grand Musica (5th better off) 144 14th Stetlar Line 254 4th to Neonan in 1m 14 Beveloy states (good). Defined Feature 644 3rd to Beveloy Hill in 1m Wannick states (good to term) Musaban 291 4th to Besman in 114m Notingham maden (good). Walaki Beach 1141 2nd to Six Garden In 1m Chepstow latters handicap (good to term). State St. St. JOHN is on the upgrade and the yielding guitace will suit him.

SILK ST JOHN is on the upgrade and the yielding surface will suit him

4.15 E B F CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES

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(2-Y	-0. 1	8.334	1m) (23 runners)	
601	171		ALBARAHIN (Sodolphini S bin Sumor 9-8 L Deston	-
602	rżn	05	ALLGRIT 22 (M al-Maksoum) E Dunios 9-0 D O'Donohoe	85
603	(13)		BAFFIN BAY (1 Holigtay) if Corol 9-0 K Fallon	-
694	(9)	3	BERNIG GIFTS 43 (BP) (SG Partnershap) P Cole 9-0	62
605	(10)		BORDER ARROW (R Lischweiten 3 W Said) Balding 9-0 R Cochrade	-
606	(21)		DINAMAYSHAN (Pan Talion) R Americag 9-0	_
607	(f)	4	EAGLE'S CROSS 57 (A. Andulla) if Charlon 9-0	77
608	(11)		FRANKLIN LAKES (B R Tanioco) C Horgan 9-0 Paul Eddery	_
603	1231	02	FREE OPTION 21 (4 4b) 5 Harbury 9-0 W Ryan	81
610	161		GENEROUS TERMS (H R H Protes Falor Salman) H Candy 9-0 J Rest	_
611	(15)	55	(3LDRY OF LOVE 15 (C Rowlands) J Helhorton 9-0 M Tebbott	76
612	(14		HIGH AND MIGHTY (Sheith Michammed) J Gooden 9-0 R Firench (3)	_
613	141		LEIMON BRIDGE (15 Alyers) J Hills 9-0	_
574	(16)	2	RAMBOW WAYS 11 IN al-Makening 8 Hills 9-0 M Hills	T
615	(20)		RAJATI rood H De Waldeni Mr. J Cecil 9-0 J Weaver	ᆕ
616	(3)	0	REGAL PATRIARCH 14 /P Winfield: J Dunion 9-0 G Carter	57
617	1171		SCORNED (G Cirambridge) Baiding 9-0	-
618	(1.3	36	SHERGANZAR 18 (A Solrymou) M Salaman 9-0 Dane O'Neal	90
619	(1B)		U.K. MAGRO (UK Packagera Supplies Ltd) J.Banko 9-0 J. Olubro	_
630	(8)		LA ROCHELLE (S Managau) & Britain 8-9	_
	12)	40	SASSY LADY 12 (Select Rearmolet Partnership) C Dayer 8-9 . A Clark	63
E22	(5)		SILVER SUN (C Herpor) D Eleworth 8-9 S Drowne	_
623	(19)		TARTAN LASS (Mathews Breezing and Racing) R Guest 8-9 . P Blood field	-
ETTING, 7-2 Batton Bay 5-1 Alturation, 7-1 High And Mightly 8-1 Eagle's Cross, 10-1 Rambon Ways, 12-1				
evan 68s. Free Otton Generus, Term. 16-1 others				

1995. ROYAL CRUSADE 9-0 8 Doyle (11-2) W Haggas 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

Albaratin Stiver Rank colt, real-brother to several winners in France and the USA Allgrid 84/15th to Mutawasj in Tim Goodwood maden (good to lirm). Battlan 8ay, Bustino colt, half-brother to several winners in chuding Spic Stand Bering Gifts 9/13rd to Absolutly Sparktin in 7/1 York maden (sulf) Eagle's Cross 2/3/14th to Montacy in 7/1 Kempton tables (good) Free Option 24/12 and to Clase Up in 1m Ponteiracl mainten (good to tirm). Rainthow Ways, 4/1 2nd to Benin in 7/1 Leicester maden (good to lirm). Rajati, Chiel's Cirom colt, tult-brother to very useful Arufisher Mill Regal Patriarch 20/1 20th to Quiet Acsarance in 7/1 Newmarket maiden (good). Scorned. Settork colt, brother to very useful Hridden Meadow

RAINBOW WAYS should go well but bets are best kept to a manimum

4.50 SEVERALS CONDITIONS STAKES (£7,954 1m 2l) (7 numbers) (7) 2-01040 ROCKY OASS 131 (0.5) (Mai-Makinum) M Stade 4-9-3 ... J Reid (1) 2-42251 RARNINA SANDS 25 (0.5 0.5 1.4 Nestlets Farms J Lumbo 3-9-0 T Catom (2) 1122125 SANDROOR CHAMBRAY 12 (0.5 0.5 1.5 sandroor 0.0) T Exterly 6-9-0 Sandroor (6) 31.11 SANTH LAMA 5-37 (0.6.5) (Sheath Lehrammad) J Faction 4-9-0 ... L Detator (3) 22-122 SILVERAN 13 (6) (7) Suent L Carona 3-8-12 ... K Fallon (2) 4500000 ZUELIO 12 (6) (Sheat L Carona 3-8-12 ... K Fallon (6) 4222565 OH MELLIE 21 (6) (M Tabou) K Calloghan 3-8-4 ... Sheath C Calloghan 3-8-4 ... Sheath C Calloghan 2-8-4 (2) Silveran (6) Mellie 20 (6) (M Tabou) K Calloghan 3-8-4 ... Sheath C Calloghan 2-8 (2) Silveran (6) Mellie 20 (6) (20 1.5 color)

BETTING 11-4 Sanctmora Chambay, 3-1 Santillana 4-1 Bernam Sanda, 9-2 Silvaran, On Nello, 20-1 others. 1996. BRIGHT WATER 3-8-9 Par Ecdery (6-1) H Cecil 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

Rocky Oasts 30/8th to Arabian Story in 11/m Epsom handican (good). Barnotm Sands beat Hallarra neck in 11/m kempton clakes (good). Sandmoor Chambrary 21/el 5th to Pasternak in 1m11 Neumanist handicap (good to firm). Sandishara beat Glory Of Darver neck in 11/em Sandern moup ill stakes (good). Silverant 31 and to Kerwaria in 11/em Neumaniste hasdicap (good to firm). 2ugud 67/41 10th to Al Large in 61 Notllingham handicap (good to firm). Oh Nethe 75/41 5th to Decorated Hero in 71 Goodwood group 81 stakes (good to firm).

SILVERAND is very much on the upgrade and can continue his progress

WILLIE RYAN will partner

Ryan rode the colt to victory in the Vodafone Derby at Epsom and has kept the ride ever since. But the arrangement has continued only because of the unavailability of Frankie Dettori, who is on

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OLITIER TOUTEB MEMORIAL RATED STAKES

5 furlongs (Handicap), Newmarket 3.10pm, Live on CH4 TV. 7/1 Gaelic Storm 14/1 Double Splendour 7/1 Surprise Mission 14/1 Lago Di Varano 8/1 Ansellman 14/1 Tadeo 8/1 Dancethenightaway 14/1 The Gay Fox 8/1 March Crusader 20/1 Hello Mister 11/1 Bowden Rose 20/1 Repertory 12/1 Twice As Sharp 20/1 The Puzzler

14/1 Bold Effort 40/1 Indian Spark 14/1 Crofters Ceilidh 50/1 Ursa Major Each way One Quarter the odds a place 1,2,3,4 Prices subject to fluctuation. Available up to 2 55pm Tattersals Rule 4(c) may apply Non runner - no bet.

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Ryan keeps ride

Benny The Dip in the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday. The booking was confirmed after discussions between the owner, Landon Knight, and train-

FOOTBALL

Arsenal defender finds nothing to crow about

JASON CROWE, the Arsenal defender, is unlikely to forget his first appearance for the club. He came on as a substitute in the Coca-Cola Cuo third-round tie against Birmingham City at Highbury on Tuesday night — and was sent off 33 seconds later. It was the quickest dismissal of a player on his debut.

Crowe, 19, replaced Lec Dixon at the start of extra time, with the teams locked at 1-1, but was dismissed for an overzealous challenge on Martin O'Connor, the Birming ham midfield player. Uriah Rennie, the referee, appeared to have little option, but O'Connor disagreed.

"Jason came in a bit late and caught my foot," O'Connor said. "I thought a yellow card would have been about right and, in hindsight, to send him off was a bit harsh."O'Connor has severe bruising and is doubtful for the Nationwide League first division game against Bury on Saturday.

Arsenal won 41, with Luis Boa Morte, their Portuguese winger, scoring two goals. He could retain his place for the FA Carling Premiership game against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park on Saturday.

There is a 60 to 70 per cent chance that he will start."

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, said. "He scored two good goals, but his finishing, as well as movement off the ball, is one of the aspects of his game he must improve. He is certainly not the complete player yet, but is an exciting prospect the type of player I am always

Boa Morte has played six times as a substitute for Arsenal since his £1.25 million move from Sporting Lisbon during the summer

Mark McGhee, the Wolverhampton Wanderers manager returned to Reading on Tuesday and again left to jeers from the home supporters. Since his departure from Elm



McGhee: jeered again

Italy call on Ravanelli

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI has brough, who were relegated been called up by Italy for their World Cup qualifying play-off against Russia later this month. I'm very happy ... I'm just sorry I'll miss Marseilles's trip to Bastia [for a French Cup game," the striker said. He added that he

was notified by the Italy coach. Cesare Maldini. by fax. Ravanelli was not picked for Italy's qualifying match against England in Rome on Saturday. Glenn Hoddle's team held the Italians 0-0 to win group two and book a place in the finals next year in

action since leaving Middles-

last season. But he marked his Marseilles debut at Rennes a week ago by laying on the first goal and scoring the second from a penalty.

Italy meet Russia, second to Bulgaria in group five, in a two-leg play-off, away on October 29 and at home on November 15, for a place in the finals.

☐ The players' union chief executive, Gordon Taylor, has called for a body to be set up to keep an eye on the game's finances. It comes in response to the Inland Revenue's crackdown on unregistered Ravanelli has seen little payments to players, managers and agents.

Park in acrimonious circumstances almost three years ago, McGhee has failed to win in six attempts - once with Leicester City - against his former club.

Reading won the third-round tie 4-2, which prompted an hour-long meeting in the Wolverhampton dressingroom between McGhee, Sir Jack Hayward, the club chairman, and John Richards, the managing director, increasing speculation that McGhee's job could be under threat.

Sir Jack later refuted such suggestions. "We have been having a post mortem on the he said. shouldn't believe everything you read in the papers."

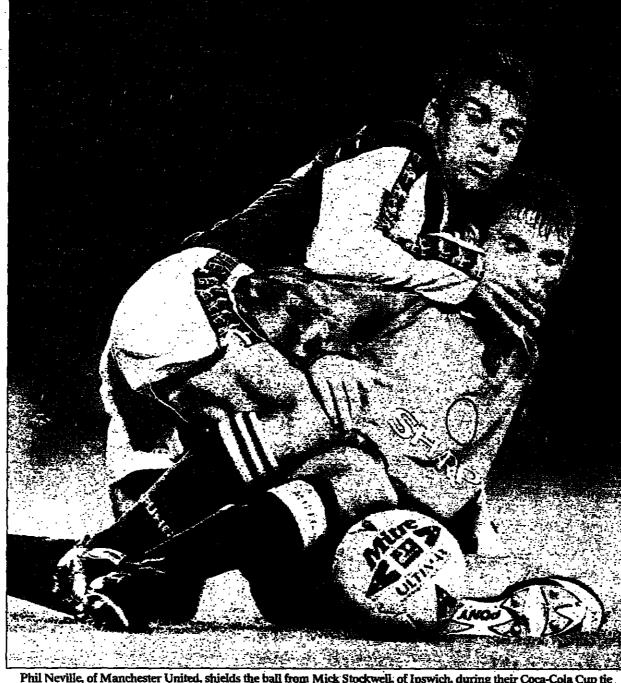
Steve Bull, the veteran Wolves striker, felt that the players should shoulder some of the blame. Things just aren't going for us and it's fair to say that Mark is a bit down and a bit quiet," he said. "It's out of his hands when we go out on the pitch and perhaps the players should look at themselves in the mirror. We're all behind Mark, let's hope the chairman is."

McGhee has since made an £800,000 offer for Dougie Freedman, the Crystal Palace

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, was less displeased by the 2-0 defeat against Ipswich Town at Portman Road. Although United fielded a much-weakened line-up, preferring to save their best for the Premiership and European Cup Champions' League, they still included seven internationals.

"Understrength? It looked an excellent team to me," George Burley, the Ipswich manager, said. "With a full house here, against a club that is one of the best in Europe, it was a big motivation for my players. We were really up for it and proved we have talented players of our own "

Sheffield United, of the first division, suffered their first defeat of the season when they were beaten 2-1 by Walsall at the Bescot Stadium.



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Phil Neville, of Manchester United, shields the ball from Mick Stockwell, of Ipswich, during their Coca-Cola Cup tie

Premiership pair escape penalty

By Russell Kempson

ARSENAL and Manchester United will not be punished for fielding weakened sides in the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday night but the Football League is still concerned by the apparent disregard some of the clubs from the FA Carling Premiership are showing for the competition. It is an issue that will be raised at a meeting of the League's board of directors later this

It had been suggested-that the League would use its ultimate sanction - expulsion - if managers selected little

more than reserve sides for their cup-ties. However, attitudes have softened in the past few days.

"We appreciate that most senior clubs now operate a squad system," Chris Hull, a League spokesman, said vesterday. "With that in mind, we have to adopt a degree of. flexibility and latitude. It is far too early to prejudge the situation but it is something that the board will want to look at."

Arsenal's "shadow" side beat Birmingham City 4-1 after extra time in their thirdround match at Highbury on Tuesday but United lost 2-0 to

Ipswich Town at Portman Road. Arsenal even offered a refund to supporters who had bought tickets without realising the intentions of Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal

Many Premiership clubs. especially those involved in Europe, have increasingly treated the Coca-Cola Cup as no more than a minor irritation. With the competition having now lost its Uefa Cup place for the winners, pending an appeal to the European Commission its attraction has been diluted farther

Coca-Cola, the sponsor, has supported the cup for five years. Although it is in the first season of a three-year agreement, worth £6 million, senior executives are believed to be concerned about how the competition is being devalued. "It's a contractual issue," a company spokesman said yesterday. All we can do is support the comments of the

Football League... The League is still hopeful that it will have its prized Uefa Cup place reinstated. "It would be premature for any club to believe that the competition will not have a European place at the end of it." Hull said. "We are confident our efforts will be rewarded."

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Pointed remark aimed at England

By Our Sports Staff

ITALY, still smarting from the 0-0 draw with England on Saturday that has consigned them to a playoff against Russia for the right to a place in the World Cup finals, yesterday found a mathematical reason for their failure to qualify at

the first time of asking. "If a win had still been worth two points. Italy would have been joint top with England on points, but ahead on the results of the direct matches." Luciano Nizzola, the president of the Italian Football Federa-

England won six, drew one and lost one of their eight qualifying matches - which, under the old two-points system, would have given them 13 points. Italy won five and drew three - which also would have been worth 13 points.

However, Italy emerged from

their two matches against England

with a win (1-0 at Wembley last February) and a draw.
It's hardly as if we have suffered

collapse," Nizzola said. "We just failed to get a second victory against an England team who had improved a great deal compared to the away match." Bulgarian referees have gone on

strike in protest at a series of incidents threatening their safety. The industrial action has caused the postponement of all matches due to be played this weekend. The referees are threatening to stay out of the game until their working conditions

There is a lack of security at our stadiums. Our health and even our lives are threatened." 87 referees said in a statement yesterday. The strike follows an incident two weeks ago in which Borislav Alexandrov, the chairman of the referees' association, was assaulted during a first division match between Levski-Kvustendil and CSKA Sofia, the champions, at Kyustendil. Supporters of the home side who disagreed with a refereeing decision their frustrations on

Alexandrov. The referees said this was the tenth incident involving match officials during the past three years. A meeting will be held on Satur-day between the referees and the managers of all first and second division clubs to try to resolve the

The referees are demanding that the Bulgarian Soccer Union impose sanctions against players and against teams from lower divisions to prevent further violence.

Injuries hamper Huddersfield

By Our Sports Staff

THE task facing Peter Jackson when he took over as manager of Huddersfield Town seemed difficult enough - namely lifting them off the bottom of the Nationwide League first division, where they appeared to be stuck fast -- without the news that his squad has been weakened by injuries to two key players. Yesterday, therefore, will not go down as a good day in his

Andy Payton, the top scorer last season, needs a second hernia operation in two months and will be out for six weeks, while Lee Makel, the midfield player, also faces a lengthy lay-off after suffering a stress fracture of the foot and damaged knee ligaments in the 3-0 defeat against Charlton Athletic on Tuesday night. Not surprisingly.

new player, probably a striker, as soon as possible. "I have spoken to several Premiership managers about certain players I believe could do a job for us.

even if we can only arrange a shortterm loan," Jackson said. "It would be good to have that extra lift a new player can bring in time for Saturday's game against Sunderland." An arrangement similar to the one that has taken Nick Colgan to Brentford would do beautifully

Colgan has signed for the second division club on a month's loan from Cheisea. The 24-year-old Irish goalkeeper, who is struggling to win a first-team place in competition with Ed de Goey, Kevin Hitchcock and Dmitri Kharine, will replace the injured Kevin Dearden at Brentford. Jackson wants to sign at least one

Manchester City have admitted

the unfair dismissal of the former

youth development officers, Colin Beil and Terry Farrell, and will pay them compensation. Bell, who made nearly 500 appearances as a player for City, and Farrell were sacked as joint-youth development officers in a staff clear-out at Maine Road at the beginning of this season.

The two men had gone to an industrial tribunal and; after talks hetween the two sides, the club released a statement that said: "Manchester City Football Club wishes to adknowledge that Colin Bell and Terry Farrell were unfairly dismissed by the club on May 8 this year. It is unfortunate that in the world of football it is difficult to adhere to the best industrial rela-The club has tions practices." agreed to pay an undisclosed sum in compensation to both men.

FIXTURES

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controversy

at St Andrews

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

given time over the glorious Old

Course is assuaged by the sights of St Andrews in its full autumn

colours - clear sunlit days of biting

cold when a scarf and gloves are

essential. Even that does not seem

likely this year. Rain fell yesterday

mained low before a drizzle started

The clouds, however, were not so

threatening as the repercussions

from some intemperate remarks

Colin Montgomerie made before

the Ryder Cup. The Scot gave a brief analysis of members of the

American team, to which, subse-

quently, some offence was taken,

and which caused some minor

American professionals to say that

Montgomerie would not be wel-comed on the US PGA Tour next year. Montgomerie claimed yester-

day that his remarks had not come

out as he had intended them. He

said he had written to every

American who was named, to Torn

Kite, the US captain, and had

spoken to Brad Faxon last week at

Wentworth. "I hope this issue can

and 44 yards longer, respectively.

A few voices have been raised in

dissension already. The first was

Severiano Ballesteros who suggest-

masterpiece and to alter it would be

to defile it. This is the view held by

Frank Nobilo, the New Zealander,

who said: "You cannot alter a

monument and that is what the

Mark O'Meara said much the

same thing. This place is kind of the birthplace of golf. I think they

The alterations were made to

keep up with developments in

technology and update hazards

that have become out of date, said

Michael Bonallack, the secretary of

FOR THE RECORD

the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

Old Course is:"

should leave it alone."

ed that the Old Course was a

up again in the late afternoon.

when it ceased clouds re-

EVERY two years there is a danger

that golf's two main matchplay or

matchplay/strokeplay events of the

autumn are overshadowed by a

thrilling Ryder Cup. It happened in

1995 and it happened again this year. The World Match Play Championship which concluded at

Wentworth last Sunday was a pale

shadow of itself, with a less than

stellar field playing in almost incessant rain. Alterations need to

be made if this event is to retain its

Today, the other half of the

autumn double begins, the Dunhill

Cup at St Andrews. This team

event will have to do a lot to make

up for the disappointments of last

week, and to convince golf enthus-

iasts that its odd formula of men

playing one another as in

matchplay, but the winner being

the one who takes the fewer strokes

over 18 holes, is anything other

DRAW

Group One: United States, England, Argentina, Jepan. Group two; Australia, Sweden, France, Talwan. Group three: South Africa, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Group four. Imbelowe, New Zealand, South Koree, Spain.

Winners of each group quality for semi-finals on Sunday: group one v group two; group

than a contrivance for a sponsor

with lots of money to stage an event

at the home of golf. This event is

arguably the most complicated in

golf, one in which most of the

competitors do not know what is

happening half the time, never

There are four groups with four

countries in each group. The

seedings predict that the United

States and England, Australia and Sweden, South African and Scot-

land and Zimbabwe and New Zealand will be the leading teams

in their respective groups, but bearing in mind that in recent

years Scotland have lost to Para-

guay and India as well as winning

the event in 1995, then the unpre-

dictable nature of the tournament

In some years any confusion as

to precisely what is going on at any

mind the spectators.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNINGMOVE

b. A dance

HAMBO a. A hambone

b. A Swedish folk dance c. A carpentry joint

By Philip Howard

JUM-UUM. a. A cow ... a. A Russian streaker b. A trap at chess c. A tedious bore

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produces the twelfth trick.

Private Banking National Bridge Challenge will be at-tended and addressed by David Price, one of the world's leading players (subject to availability). For entry details telephone 0181-942 9506.

section on Saturday.

JAZZBO

a. A rascally Black b. A short skirt

NUDNIK

ONLY ten days have elapsed since Alan McManus suffered arguably his most acute disappointment in snooker when he lost to Nigel Bond from a seemingly impregnable position in the final of the Regal Scottish Masters. Yesterday the Scot began the process of healing his bruised ego at the Grand Prix in

SNOOKER

McManus

hits back

after bitter

defeat

Bournemouth. McManus rallied from 2-0 down to defeat Swart Pettman 5-2 for a place in the last 32, but then said psychological hangover of losing that he is still recovering from the against Bond in Motherwell after leading 8-6 and by 61 points in

the fifteenth frame. "What happened against Nigel is just about behind me now, but for a while afterwards I was walking around like a zombie," McManus said. "It was a bit of a nightmare because everyone knew I should have won, but now it's all best forgotten. What's the point in

dwelling on something like that?" Mark Williams and Euan Henderson, the finalists here last year, experienced contrasting fortunes. Williams began the defence of his title with a 5-2 victory over Michael

Judge, but Henderson lost 5-2 to Tony Drago. Williams, whose refreshingly aggressive approach also carried him to success in the British Open last season, lost the first frame on the black. If there was any sign of panic from Williams it was undetectable as he grew in confidence with each passing frame. He will now meet Matthew Stevens, a fellow Welshman. He beat Stephen Hendry in the first round of this event last year and his 5-1 victory over Steve James yesterday included a 137 total clearance in the

opening frame. Earlier, unpredictability had triumphed over reliability when Drago, erratic one moment, fo-cused the next, got the better of Henderson. Tactically Drago was inferior, but Henderson could not reproduce the break-building consistency that had underscored the highlight of his career last year.

Alain Robidoux, the world No 9, became the first member of the top 16 to be eliminated. He lost 5-1 to Paul Davies, but Steve Davis fought back from 3-1 down to beat Peter Lines 5-3.

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Peter Swidler, the reigning

Russian champion, has finally

broken into the elite hierarchy

of international chess with his

share of first prize - scoring eight points — at the tourna-ment in Tilburg, a prize shared with Garry Kasparov

His two most notable re-

sults were a win against

Kasparov and this game in the

last round that enabled him to

catch up with the tournament

leaders. After this splendid performance, Swidler is likely

to become a frequent guest in the upper echelons of international tournament chess. White: Alexander Onischuk

Sicilian Defence

0-0

Black: Peter Swidler

Tilburg, October 1997

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4 - Nxd4

5 Nc3

6 Be2 7 Nb3

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10 g4

13 Bxd4

14 Nd5

15 exd5

19 b4

20 Rq1

26 Rxd4

27 Bb3

28 Bxc1

29 Bi4

30 Kg2

and Vladimir Kramnik.

Last-round win

CRICKET

Stephenson joins list of departing captains

JOHN STEPHENSON became the second county captain in the space of two days to lose his job when he resigned yesterday after two years in command at Hampshire. Twenty-lour hours earlier, Northamptonshire announced that Robert Bailey had been re-moved after two seasons in charge.

Stephenson's departure is even less of a surprise than that of Bailey. He showed a reluctance to consult and Hampshire's results have been even more dismal than Northamptonshire's. The distressing aspect to Stephenson's experi-ence is that he left Essex, and sacrificed a lucrative benefit in the

process, specifically because he wanted to lead a county side. Handicapped by an uninspired powling attack, which had failed to come to terms with life after Malcolm Marshall, now the county coach, Stephenson's hopes of tangible success were short-lived. With injuries also playing their part, he got through more championship overs last summer than

anyone else in the side, and his tally of 37 wickets was not bettered. He must hope that, under anoth-

er's leadership, he now rediscovers his form with the bat. The club hopes to announce a successor in the next few weeks, and among the early favourites will be Robin Smith, Stephenson's stand-in, and Adrian Avmes, the wicketkeeper. Also to be resolved is the identity of next year's overseas player, with Paul Reiffel, the Australian, among a short list

of bowlers.

Last month, Derbyshire handed the leadership to Dominic Cork. and with Sussex seeking a successor to Peter Moores, four of the bottom five teams in this year's championship have now signalled changes of captain for 1998. More upheavals may be in the offing, with Michael Watkinson's position at Lancashire looking among the most precarious.

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, dropped from the one-day international side to play an Academy XI later this month, responded by hitting 116 not out as New South Wales scored 290 for three on the first day of the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland in Brisbane.

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Diagram of final position

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David Needham saw victory snatched from his team, Needham Enterprises, at St Pierre yesterday Devonport make late charge

now be considered at an end," he By MELWEBB Of greater interest will be what VICTORY seemed cut and dried. the players have to say about six It was all over bar the shouting, new tees being used in competition surely. The team that had led for for the first time which, together, add another 161 yards to the Old two hours were preparing to celebrate, but their joy was nipped in the bud by four men who sailed into the clubhouse at St Pierre, Course. The 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th, 15th and 16th holes have the new tees, the 15th and 16th now being 46 Chepstow, yesterday and holed the

opposition below the waterline at the last possible moment. The winning team in the Wales and South West regional final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge work for Devomport Management Limited, whose prime business is refitting fighting ships for the Royal Navy at Plymouth. The four — Ged Duffy, Alan Rice, Gerry Brown and lan Jolliffe - are men of

take the battle honours. The long-time leaders were Needham Enterprises Limited and, with Devonport the only team left on the course who could catch

them, they were entitled to believe

peace, but there was nothing very

peaceful about the way they

faunched their lightning strike to



that they had at least one foot on plane that will take the national finalists to La Manga, in Spain, next month. They could not have been more wrong. Devonport scoring 80 Stableford points to win

by one. This year the rules for this regional final series have been changed so that the four-player team splits into two two-balls, one pairing starting at the 10th. It builds tension, forces each half of the team to concentrate totally on their game and also means that, very often, teams have no idea of their combined score until the computer has done its work.

That is what happened on this

RESULTS: 80: Devorpon Management Ltd 79: Needham Enterprises Ltd 78: Selon Healthcare Group Pic, Michwest Computer Consultants Ltd Selon fird on courtback) 78: Drake Tooling & Abrassies Ltd. 75: Hugh James Solicitors; Sun Electric UK Ltd/Crampon Spark Pugs. Chemical Corporation (UK) Ltd. Nortel Optoelectronics Distson. 71: The St. James Partnership; The Wooden Spoon Society (Somerset): British Av-ways Mentineance. Cardiff, Xolale Ltd. 70: Cettle Vocuum/Introviete. Castle Pool Notes Ltd. Cogent 99: British Steel Pic (Shotten Worlds); McEwan Wallace 88: Thi Express Worldwide. 87: NHS Walles: Lincoln. 64: Gyn Rowet Insurance Facilities, Camaud Metalbox Closures Pic. 60: Boyd & Lloyd Office Supplies Ltd. 58: NSG Services Group Pic.

day; the victorious quartet had no

idea that they had won until their

names were read out. "We thought

we might have done pretty well,

but when the third and second

teams were announced we thought we were out of it," Duffy, the captain, said. "Now we can't stop

There were good holes for each

of the team members: Duffy had

net birdies on the 1st and 16th

holes, Jolliffe chipped to six inches

for a net birdle on the 10th, Brown

pitched up to 12 inches for another

net birdie on the 1st. It was a

triumph, as so many regional final

victories are, of teamwork and the

occasional lucky break.

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• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

I gave a hand in a recent Weekend column in which Ralph Katz. third in the trials to decide the United States team for the 1997 Bermuda Bowl, made a good bid on a strong 4-4-1-4 hand. Must be his favourite shape — he did everything right on this one.

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

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Katz (South) opened Two Clubs and rebid Two Spades over North's negative response of Two Diamonds. Most experts would have rebid Two Hearts, to increase the chance of finding a 4-4 major fit. However, Two Spades worked well - North was able to bid Four Hearts. showing spade support with heart shortage (a "splinter" bid), and South drove on to the good slam.

How would you play Six Spades? First, count your tricks (the wife says she's going to put that injunction on my tombstone). If you have to lose to the king of spades you have three tricks in spades. two in hearts, one in diamonds and five in clubs, making eleven. So to make a twelfth you have to take a ruff in either the North or the South hand. But in addition you have to draw trumps before running the club suit.

Katz saw the play that kept everything under control - he played the nine of spades from his hand at trick two. When West ducked he continued

with the queen of spades. West had to win, and had no defence. In practice he returned another diamond. Katz ruffed in hand, cashed his last high spade, and played a club (the eight of course, so as not to block the run of the suit) to the king and drew West's last trump. Then he could cash the club and heart winners. Note that if Katz had played

the ace of spades followed by the queen at tricks two and three, West would have ducked. Then West would have taken the third spade and returned a fourth round. extinguishing the ruff which

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WORD WATCHING

c. A roll on the drums

c, A dress

Answers on page 46

Rxd4

Bxd4

Cc8

NcB

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Bronstein -Kotov, Moscow 1946. White's pieces are buzzing around the black king but he

way of doing this? Solution on page 46





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Edras (b 2 w 10, nb 7)

Total (41.2 overs) Total (41.2 overs) 100
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-9, 3-10, 4-28, 5-40, 6-51, 7-63, 8-88, 9-100
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Total (2 wids, 17 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-11. Mi Odkimbe, H Mooll, T Odoyo, "A Karim, M Sulji, T Sulji end M Shelikh did not bat. BCWLING: Hasibul Husseln 6-0-54-2; Shaffuddin Ahmed 4-0-18-0; Mohammed Ralique 4-0-15-0; Shalith Salshuddin 2-0-12-0; Mafizur Rahmin 1-0-1-0.

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> MOTOR RALLYING SAN FIEMO FIALLY: Leading final positions: 1, C McRee (GB, Suberu Impreza WRC) 4hr Brain 25sec, 2, P Liste (ft. Subrau Impreza WRC) 4hr Brain 25sec, 2, P Liste (ft. Subrau Impreza WRC) at 5sec, 3, T Medisten (Fin, Missubshi Lancer EV 4) 12; 4, C Sainz (Sp. Ford Escott WRC) 145; 5, F Lots (Bel: Toyota Corolla WRC) 50; 6, J Kanikanen (Fin, Ford Escott WRC) 55; 8, Landing world champlorship positions: Drivers': 1, Mediter 50pts: 2, Seftz 47; 3, McRee 42; Contractors': 1, Subrau 94; 2, Missubshi 81; 3, Ford 73.

RUGBY UNION

SNOOKER

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SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL
CENTRE: Grand Price First round: 1
McCuloch (Eng) bit C Scenion (Eng) 5-3, M
Judge (Ire) bit D Clarke (Eng) 5-3, P Daves
(Wales) bit M Campbel (Scol 5-2; D Gray
(Eng) bit D Finbow (Eng) 5-2; D Gray
(Eng) bit J Woodman (Eng) 5-2; Q Hann (Aus)
bit M Bernett (Wales) 5-3; G Greene (Eng)
bit J Peny (Eng) 5-4, P Wyles, (Eng) bit K
Broughton (Eng) 5-2; D Daves (Kales) bit K
Buronst (Eng) 5-1; T Shaw (Eng) bit Michiel
(Eng) 5-3; B Jones (Eng) bit S Air (Pak) 5-2;
W Jones (Welse) bit M Davariatorusia (Scot)
5-2; J Read (Eng) bit Davariatorusia (Scot)
1 Fetguson (Eng) bit Walker (Wales) 5-3; D
Hanny (Scot) bit I Brunby (Eng) 5-4;
Second mund: T Musphy (N Ire) bit

SYDNEY: Women's world champlantaing. First round: C Jackman (Eng) bf K Keevi (Aux) 8-10, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2; C Nitch (SA) bf Griffriam (Aux) 9-1, 10-9; 9-5; C -Owens (Aux) bf V Attinson (Holl) 9-6, 9-0, 9-3, Martin (Eng) bf M Vacce (Aux) 9-1, 9-1, 9-3 M Martin (Aux) bf K Mejor (Aux) 9-1, 9-1, 9-3 M Martin (Aux) bf K Mejor (Aux) 9-1, 9-3, 9-3, 1, 2-7; S Schöne (Ger) bf J Wilson (NZ) 8-5, 9-0, 9-3, 1 C Tramman (Eng) bf T Shantor (Frot) 9-1, 4-9, 9-1, 9-3. OSTRAYA: Men's tournement: First round; P Korda (Cz) bt D Vecek (Cz) 6-3, 6-4; J Tarango (LS) bt G Pozo (fi) 6-1, 6-8, M Denni (Cz) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 7-6, 8-0, C Moya (Sp) bt M Tabara (Cz) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

SQUASH

ALEXANDRIA: Egyptian Open: Second shund; P Nicol (Sooi) bt A Gough (Wales) 15-11, 15-10, 15-14; S Panke (Eng) bt O Meddings (Eng) 15-14, 15-6, 15-9; J Power (Carl) bt B Daws (Aus) 15-3, 15-9; J Power (Carl) bt B Daws (Aus) 15-13, 15-13, 15-13, 15-13, 15-11, Jarsher Man (Pal) bt B Medin (Aus) 15-16, 15-13, 15-13, D Hams (Eng) bt M Chaloner (Eng) 17-14, 15-11, 13-15, 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-12, 15-12, 13-15, 15-11; Taylor (Eng) 15-12, 15-12, 13-15, 15-11; A Basada (Egypt) 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-13, 15-12, 15-13, 15-12, 15-13, 15-14, 15-15, 15-14, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-15, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-15, 15-13, 15-15, 15-13, 15-15,

8-0, C Moya (Sp) bit M Yabana (C2) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.
LYONS: Men's tournament: First round: J
Alonso (Sp) bit A Conetja (Sp) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1;
M Phippopussis (Aus) bit N Thomann (Fr)
7-6, 4-6, 8-3; F Mantilla (Sp) bit A Medivedev
(Moy 6-3, 3-0 nr. R Krajack (Holl) bit H Arazi
(Moy) 6-3, 6-3, A Clastient (Fr) bit P Rallier
(Aus) 6-3, 7-6; T E rounket (Swe) bit S
Schellean (Holl) 4-5, 6-3, 6-3; E Santoro (Fr)
bit C van Garsse (Bel) 8-3, 6-2; M-K Gölmer
(Ger) bit A Boelsch (Fa) 7-5, 6-2.
ZURICH: Women's bournament: Frist
round: A Coetzer (SA) bit P Schryder
(Swez) 7-6, 6-3; I Sprilea (Rom) bit N
Sawamatsur (Japan) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, A Huber
(Ger) bit MJ Fernandez (US) 7-5, 6-3, C
2-6, 6-3, Second round: S Appelmens (Bel)
bit Mogles (Con) 7-6, 6-2

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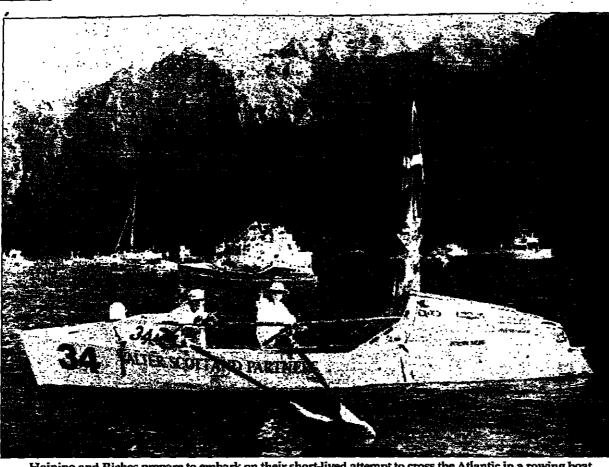
ou can train your mind and your muscles to near-perfection, but sometimes in sport you can't stop nature rocking the boat. This week saw the start of what is being billed as the toughest endurance race in the world. It is the sort of event that makes the armchair adventurer gulp with the realisa-tion that the men and women who take on these challenges are seemingly not frail humans but some sporting superbreed.

The event is simply a race, in rowing boats, across the Atlantic. Thirty tiny two-man craft have set out, each crammed with enough supplies to get them through a couple of months at sea. Four days ago. they left to flog the 2,900 miles across the ocean from Tenerife to Barbados and they could still be at it after Christmas.

The race is the dreamchild of Sir Chay Blyth, who, with his fellow paratrooper. John Ridgeway, rowed from Cape Cod to the Island of Arran in their boat. English Rose III. in 1966, taking 92 days.

Anyone who tackles this sort of adventure has got to be superhuman, mad and extremely well-prepared. No crew paid more attention to fine-tuning their bodies, honing their navigation skills and perfecting their preparation than Peter Haining and David Riches. Their past form is enough to make their opponents feel queasy. Haining, at 35, took part in the Atlanta Olympic Games and has been a world sculling champion three times. His partner, Riches. 30, a formidable rower. cyclist and runner, represented Scotland in the 1986 Commonwealth Games. They have both spent thousands of hours sitting in a boat and pulling on oars. They left the start line in their boat, Walter Scott and Partners, flying a Scottish flag and with high hopes of victory.

This is serious," Haining said. "Somebody might die. I've made my will and my



Haining and Riches prepare to embark on their short-lived attempt to cross the Atlantic in a rowing boat

she said. "Not even water."

seasickness or food poisoning.

tinue.

ing. Sea Challenger became

the latest of the fleet to send up

a distress beacon. A rescue craft was sent to give them help and took off David

London student, who was

suffering from exhaustion.

His partner is battling on

RACE LATEST POSITIONS

First leg:

Mossman, a

Garbett, the fail-

22-year-old

partner and I have promised each other that if one of us dies in mid-Atlantic, the other will bring the body home. I don't want to be buried at sea."

Not much fear of that. Within hours of the start, the pair had abandoned ship and were safely back in Tenerife airport. The problem was one of the oldest enemies in the seafarer's log - seasickness. They were rowing south of the island of

Gomera when Riches started to be violently sick. Haining kept rowing, but, as they drew closer to rocks, he dropped the sea

anchor and began to worry that Riches was suffering from something more serious. posssibly food poisoning. Back Tenerife, both men are talking about starting again.

Ironically, it was Haining who was expressing concern before the start about the problems of seasickness. He has a tendency to motion sickness and he puts down his disappointing performance in the Atlanta Olympics to the travel sickness that he suffered in the shuttle buses that ferried the rowers in and out of

Seasickness can be a formidable opponent. Experts reckon that there are two stages you pass through: the first is when you think you are going to die; the second is when you fear that you won't. The condi-

'Anyone who tackles this has got to be superhuman, mad and extremely well-prepared'

> tion is no respecter of fitness or experience at sea. Nelson was said to be sick every time he went to sea, as was Darwin. Haining and Riches are by no means the only crew in

trouble. The sole team from the United States is also the only all-female crew in the race and they, too, have fallen victim to sickness. Only hours after the start, Louise Graff

SAILING: EF LANGUAGE'S SKIPPER TELLS OF HIGH SEAS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC AT HEAD OF WHITBREAD FLEET

disqualified for receiving outand Victoria Murden had to be towed back to Tenerife after side assistance. Murden became violently The Golden Fleece sick. "An hour after the start, I

another boat with problems. couldn't keep anything down," Daniel Innes had to find a new crew member when his part-Ocean navigation is a highner pulled out three days tech business and if nature before the start for medical doesn't get you with a touch of reasons. Yesterday, Innes, finding that the boat's rudder there is always a threat of had broken, called his mother equipment failure. In the case for help - on his mobile phone. The race organisers Jan Charter and Nigel told her that the boat is still ure of their Globquite safe and that a French

al Positioning crew, too, was rowing on without a rudder. System was They won't have that sort of enough to make problem aboard Carpe Deum them turn round where Daniel Byles, an rather than conarmy officer cadet, has taken They back to his mother with him. They are the start and pulled out. In the the only mother and son team in the event. early hours of yesterday morn-

it may be the world's toughest race, but armchair adventurers can draw comfort from the knowledge that when the sea gets rough, even these supermen need the comfort of their mothers or their mobile

JOHN BRYANT

Amazonian adventures

There is a new presenter and a new destination as the backpacker show moves to Latin America. Nell Gibson from Aberdeen is a mere 23 but shows admirable self-confidence in his first television assignment. He is also provides a welcome antidote to the irritating chirpiness of Lonely Planer's usual host, Ian Wright, Gibson's trip is to Peru and the travelogue element is kept to the minimum as he fulfils the purpose of the series which is to get off the tourist path and to travel modestly. He starts in Lima, a busiling capital of seven million people, before making for the Amazon jungle and signing off at an luca sun festival. Should anybody be inspired to follow him, he offers useful advice on anything from finding a cheap bed to the merits of buying an air pass in a country where distances are great. country where distances are great.

A Dance to the Music of Time Channel 4, 9.00pm

"Women may show some discrimination about who they sleep with, but they will marry anybody". It could be Oscar Wilde but is in fact the wir of It could be Oscar Wilde but is in fact the wit of Anthony Powell, admirably preserved in this fine adaptation by Hugh Whitemore. The saga of the four Etonians whose lives keep crossing in later life has reached the 1930s, which means Hitler and the threat of war. But do not expect a sensible riposte from this bunch of upper-crust dilettantes. Widmerpool, who has become something mysterious in the City and is given rich comic resonance by Simon Russell Beale, suggests asking Goering to Buck House and giving him the Garter-"It's what such things are for." Inexplicably the opportunity is passed over and war-comes anyway. But not before the merry-go-round of alcoholism, But not before the merry-go-round of alcoholism, infidelity and scandals has claimed more victims.

Horizon: The Man Who Lost his Body

lan Waterman was 19 with a promising career as a butcher on Jersey when he was struck down with a rare virus. It ravaged his nervous system and caused him to lose touch with his body below the neck. His muscles and joints still worked but he had no command over them. His body could no

longer tell his brain where it was or what it was doing. The condition was so rare that only some years later did it get a name sensory neuropathy. Even now there are only ten known cases in the world. Now in his mid-forties. Waterman has made an impressive recovery but, as the film shows, it required iron discipline and enormous persistence. It took four months to put on a sock, a year to stand safely. The key to regaming control of his limbs was through his eyes. Experts try to explain how.

style is much in evidence.

RADIO CHOICE

Radio 4, 7.20pm

Lord Tebbit, are you listening? And if so, what conclusion will you be reaching? This is an absorbing documentary about British Muslims and the stresses and compromises that life here has brought about, often with positive results. The programme starts at a festival in Bradford, which has the UK's largest Asian population outside London, of whom more than 60 per cent are Muslims from a Pakistani background. Jeremy Harding talks to Muslims about the contrasts Harding talks to Muslims about the contrasts inherent in the lives of people often trying to reconcile tradition and modern Western life. One of the strongest impressions is of a community which has worked hard to accommodate BritishFirst Person Plural

The return of a series which has proved adept at getting under the skin of issues so that what can sometimes seem abstract is given a human face, or rather voice. Today's programme is an audio diary about a 14-year-old boy, known in the programme as Chris, who is a victim of bullying at school. The tapes have been recorded by Chris, his teacher and his foster-mother and the factor that makes this case especially interesting, and rather poignant, is that Chris accepts his status as a victim he believes that his role in life is to be pushed around by others, thus he attracts more builties. He attends a special school for victims of bullying but does not like being treated as "different" and wants to leave

WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 2

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6.00em Alan Marin 9.00 Henry Kelly. Includes Michsel Barry's Classic Recipe 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.00 Concerto. Rachmannov (Rhippsody on a Theme of Pegarrin) 3.00 Nick Beiley 7.00 Newsnight with John Brunning 7.30 Sonata. Lactair (Flute Sonata in Eminor) 8.00 Evening Concert. Vaughan Williams (Job — A Masque for Dancing); Hermann Loverskjold (Act One, La Sylphide), Luight (Ballet Egyptier) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (1) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes

L'Espagnole; Weber, transcr'Liszt (Konzenstuck)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Glinkn 1.00pm in Repertory, The Times opera critic, Rodney
Milnes talks to the socrano Hidegard Behvens
about the title role of Richard Strauss's Elektra

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Symphony Orchestra. With Judith Howarth, soprano, Ivan Kushjer, baritone, Reiko Watanabe, violin, BBC Symphony

Charus
4.00 Ensemble (r)
4.45 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp

5.00 in Tune, with Sean Refferty 7.30 Performance on 3. Pemela Cobum, soprano, Jackviga Rappe, mezzo, Hars Peter Blochwitz, tenor, Haken Hagegard, bass, Manchester Boy Choir, Halie Choir and Occhestre under Kent Manage Michael at Blockbel & Weith Character

Choir, Halie Cnor and Orchestre under Kent
Nagano, Mahler, ed Reinhold Kubik (Das
Maganote Lied, first version)
9.00 Poetscript: Poets' Fan Mail (4/5)
9.15 Impromptu Recital, Madeleine Matter, plano
10.00 Music Hestored, A Schuberlad given in July in
the Assembly Rooms, York
10.45 Night Waves, Hermione Lee telles to Doris
Lessing about London in the 1950s
11.30 Composers of the Weeks Dutary, Blinchols and
Their Contemporaries (r)
12.30sm Jazz Notes, with Steve Voce
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

4.45 Short Story: Every Word in the Book
5.00 PM 5.00 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
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8.00 Analysis: Working for Your Weitare
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9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtimes Story of Mr Sommer (2/3)
11.00 Fear on Four Tissue Memory by Judy Upton
11.30 (FM only until 11.45) Ottspring (r)
11.45 (LW) Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.30cm The Late Book: The Drowned
World by J.G Ballerd(7/10)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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New boy Cayard doubles lead on merit EF Language rounded the island of Trindade ahead of

the watch captain - picked

miles in 24 hours. This dou-

Cup from 35 to 70 miles.

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

PAUL CAYARD is one of several first-time skippers in the Whitbread Round the World Race and, as such, was not a favourite in most people's early form guide.

Cayard, a world-class racing yachtsman with vast America's Cup experience, was the most illustrious new boy on the block, but the best guess was that he would get the hang of Whitbread racing too late to mount a serious challenge.

further credibility by a poor performance in the Fastnet. To add to his problems, Mark Rudiger, the navigator, was brought in as a replacement only three weeks before the

However, Cayard has been learning fast. He cheekily led the ten-strong fleet out of the Solent. Then he positioned himself correctly for what amounted to a re-start off Ushant.

her nearest rivals, Merit Cup and Innovation Kvaerner. Yesterday, Cayard stretched his significant advantage as his boat surfed, fully poweredup, towards Cape Town.

Again, he and Rudiger - no doubt with the experienced guidance of Magnus Olsson. the right strategy to benefit from the following winds of the past two days. Lying farther south than their challengers, EF Lan-

Since then he has stayed in the top three, taking the out-right lead five days ago when

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45 JAZZBO

(a) A negro performer, especially in a minstrel show a coloured American soldier a dissolute person and various other meanings. Origin unknown. Perhaps a corruption of Jasper. Jack Kerouac. On the Road, 1957: "He dodged a mule wagon: in it sat an old Negro plodding along. He slowed down the car for all of us to turn and MUUMUU

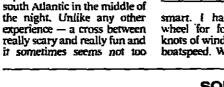
(c) A woman's loose-fitting dress, usually brightly coloured and

patterned, which originated in Hawaii as a local adaptation of the 'Mother Hubbard' dress provided by the missionaries. The Hawaiian mu'u mu'u literally cut off, from the fact that the yoke was ally omitted. "Helen being a woman, put on a yellow mumu, a is between a flour sack and an old-fashioned nightic. Mumus eros between a nour sack and an out-rannoted inguise, manual were designed by the well-intentioned missionary ladies as a covering for the Hawaiian women, in the early days when a few llowers sufficed for a garment."

(c) Someone who pesters, nage or irritates: a bore. The Yiddish word, from the Russian nudnji tedious, boring. "Too many of our awdnik moviegoers dread the prospect of sharing their pleasures with the plain folks."

(b) A Swedish folk dance in 3/4 time. The toponym of Hambo, the name of a parish in Hälsingland, Sweden, "We had been dancing in the Nylocks barn - dancing polskas and hambos."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I Bho! Nxe5 2 Bxg?+ Kg8 3 Bxe5+ and mate follows.



guage's averaged speeds of 17.4 knots and covered 393 bled her advantage over Merit Cayard sent this breathless report of his progress: "I can't explain the sensations I just 2,587 9 10. Brune/Surrergy (Hoff) 2,735 3 experienced out here in the smart. I have been at the

to Cape Town 24°5 20°W 12.00GMT yesterday

DISTANCE TO FINISH (intri miles to Cape Town): 1 EF Language (Swe) 1,872; 2 Meril Cup (Micraco) 1,940 f. 3 Importation Kwaamer (Mor) 1,952; 3, 4, Sit Cut (GB) 2,124.9; 5, Chesse Racorg (US) 2,225.5 6, America's Challenge (US) 2,331,8,7, Toshuba (US) 2,337,4; 8, Swedish Match (Swe) 2,369.4; 9, EF Education (Swe)

wheel for four hours in 35 knots of wind with 25 knots of

genoa, staysail and one reef in guys and halyards hanging out over the water and I can't boatspeed. We have the No 4 even see where we are going."

SQUASH

Cardwell's career ends with defeat

FIONA GEAVES completed a successful day for England in the women's world championship in Sydney by ending the international career of the former world champion, Vicki

Geaves won 9-0, 9-4, 9-4, but Cardwell, an Australian squash legend, was not downhearted. "At 42 I've had a good innings," she said, "I always

said when I felt I was no longer competitive then I would stop. Cardwell has won four British Opens and a world championship. The eighth seed, Suzanne

Cassandra Jackman, Jane Martin and Linda Charman on Tuesday.
The world champion, Sarah Horner, of England, was un-

Fitz-Gerald, beat a qualifier, Natalia Meneu, of Spain, 9-1, troubled in her win over 9-0, 9-0 in 30 minutes in her Emma Major, of Australia, 9-1, 9-3, 9-7. Sue Wright, the opening match to set up a second-round encounter with world No 4, beat Toni Weeks. her fellow Australian, Robyn also of Australia, 10-9, 9-3, 9-7.

STEVE HARRIS. TEACHES FOR BRASS. PADDLES FOR GOLD.

ATLANTIC

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Lady Molly's nieces, the Tolland girls (C4)

10 X 10: Diary of a Madman

Compressing Gogol's story into 15 minutes puts one in mind of Monty Python's summarising Proust competition, in which contestants had a ridiculously short time to precis one of the longest works in modern literature. But Gogol is only the inspiration for a story which is set in present-day Birmingham and is about an office worker called Nick (Steve Evets) and his crazy love for his glamorous boss, Sophie (Tasmin Mills). Mark E. Smith, from The Fall, plays Nick's social worker. Having just gone to work dressed in a shiny white suit as Elvis Presley, our hero obviously needs help. And that after he has been filling his diarry with references to talking dogs. The director, John Humphreys, has made promos for UB40 and others and the restless pop video style is much in evidence. BBC2, 10.15pm

Facing West

ness and has been doing so for three generations.

6.00em Alex Lester 7.30 Serah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11,30

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evans 10.00 (FM) Robin Banks (AM) Graham Dena 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (AM) Nicky Horns 4.00 Russ 'n' Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyle (AM) Camin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chleholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

Quantz (Flute Sonata No 273 in G)
9,00 Norning Collection, with Peter Hobday, includes Handel (Concerto Grosso in E minor)
10,00 Rusical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Includes Bizet (Les Voicil Carmen), Couperin (Sonata

5.55am (LW) Shipping 6.00 News 6.10 Familing
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45
Tips from Women Gardeners (4/5) 8.58 Weather
8.00 News 9.05 Face the Pacts with John Walts
9.30 First Person Plural See Choice (1/4)
10.00 (FM) News; Tales from the Islands (3/4)
10.00 (LW) Daily Service 10.15 (LW) On This Day
10.30 Woman's Hour Induces the short story Stearing,
by the Times Iderary editor Erica Wagner
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent Global news.
12.00 News; You and Yours with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Out of Order 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: Deadline
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kalekloscope with Paul Alien

An audience in the grip of homicidal mania

If you turn on your television at random intervals during the course of an evening, the chances are that you will see (a) a murder; (b) someone planning a avoiding seeing a murder when we murder; (c) someone solving a switch on. But we haven't. murder; (d) someone trying to stop someone else from solving a murder; or (e) someone being prosecuted for a murder. ITV's two-hour thriller Into The Blue (ITV) crammed in all five.

But the big murder mystery, as far as viewers are concerned, is: how do schedulers manage to find room for so many murder-related programmes? Newton's first law of physics states that you can neither create nor destroy airtime (and before you all write in, I know that that wasn't really Newton's first law of physics: it was, in fact, his fourth). To put it in layman's terms, this means that since there is a maximum of 24 hours of television that can be broadcast on any channel on any day — and

since 17 of those are taken up with shows featuring either Carol Vorderman or Carol Smillie - we should have a high chance of An even bigger mystery for

viewers is how murder came to be regarded by television executives as the sort of thing we ache to watch whenever possible. If television is supposed to reflect or excite our interests, experiences and imaginations, then murder would rank very low in the things most of us find mysterious. If you compiled a table of things viewers found mysterious, it would show: Murder: maybe I per cent. Missing socks: 12 per cent. Carol Smillie: 24 per cent.

Why exactly Ffion ffancies Wwilliam Hhague: 63 per cent. The reason for this is that murder just doesn't feature very much in most of our lives. This is why it can be surprising to see how

else's - at least if they live inside a television set. We were barely past the credits of Into The Blue and already we had facked up two dead bodies and a near miss. Even John Thaw seemed surprised and he's used to stiffs turning up like Tube trains in the rush hour (not on the Circle Line, of course).

This was one of those thrillers that lays out all the corpses and red herrings for inspection right at the start of the show. It is the murder-mystery equivalent of the television cook, who sets out his ingredients before combining them into something we can marvel at while we slurp our pot noodles (this is the other big television mystery: that cookery shows are flourishing at a time when we have become so lazily dependent on shave-it-in-the-microwave food, that shoppers would even pay extra for ready-washed



Joe Joseph

tomatoes. Yes, Mr Novelli, we will set aside our chicken bones to make stock — just as soon as Waitrose starts inserting bones into its frozen chicken nuggets.)
One girl's corpse turned up in Cambridge, another in Dotset, with possibly a third on the Greek island of Rhodes. Once you had reassured yourself that Thaw wasn't going to lead us into the Greek equivalent of his Year In

caricatures selling him doner kebabs as they strummed their bazoukis - and you just let yourself go, it was all engaging enough. It was pitched at the level of a beach holiday page-turner - only without the bother of rubbing Ambre Solaire on your tummy. who used to own a garage until he -

Thaw played Harry Barnett, went bankrupt and moved to Rhodes - where he worked as caretaker at a villa owned by his friend, a multimillionaire former cabinet minister. Because Barnett was arrested for the murder of the girl who had just vanished in Rhodes, he had a strong incentive to smuggle himself back to London and unravel the woman's mysterious disappearance and its link to those corpses. Thaw threw himself into the detective work so diligently that he seemed to metamorphose over the two hours from a Cockney former garage owner into

- like those stress-relieving rubber balls that always return to their original shape, however fiercely you mangle them.

something that millions of Europeans expected to feature large in their lives either until Hitler came along. Even after he made his mark. Germans assumed that mass death would be something that would be inconveniencing others rather than themselves. In the final episode of The Nazis (BBC2), Laurance Rees wondered why the Germans had carried on fighting long after the Italians — realising which way the war was going had disched Mussolini in 1943. The Germans carried on partly because they were convinced they. were superior beings, which made it difficult to believe that the war

Inspector Morse, as if Morse was would go against them; partly now his natural state of existence because the Germans never found a way of getting rid of their Führer. In the last 15 months of the war at least 350,000 Germans died in Allied bombing raids. But right up to the last minute, Goebbels was f course, murder wasn't - urging the six million-strong German home guard "never to surrender at the sight of the enemy" because they were the last bastion against the Bolshevik horde.

But they didn't always listen. Rees tracked down survivors in the the east German town of Demmin who recalled that when Soviet troops arrived on April 30, 1945 — the last day of Hider's life, as it turned out — 900 Germans decided

The underlying message of Rees's quietly brilliant series has been that as surreal as the Nazi murder machine might seem, all this did happen. And if it happened once, it could happen again. At any minute

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (71697) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82616887) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (3611871) 9.30 Style Challenge (2776121)

9.55 Kilroy (T) (9134068) 10.35 Change That (8150968) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7605264) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (7) (7638790)

11.35 Room for Improvement Denise Waterman takes a tour around an unusual home (r) (3646061) 12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (8915413)

12.05pm Cafi My Bluff (7751790) 12.35 Going for a Song (5433351) 1.00 News (T) and weather (68806) 1.30 Regional News (T) (73419239) 1.40 The Weather Show (16589662) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (71291351)

2.10 Quincy (8157697) 3.00 Through the Keyhole (r) (1413) 3.30 Funnybones (r) (9426158) 3.35 Playdays (r) (8943448) 3.55 The Silver Brumby (8947264) 4.20 Mr Wymi (T) (8341535) 4.35 Smart (T) (8676142) 5.00 Newsround (1) (2940581) 5.10 Byker Grove (1) (9429806)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (863581) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (535) 6.30 Regional News (T) (887) 7.00 Watchdog with Anne Robin Consumer magazine (T) (9622) 7.30 EastEnders The Square loses a family and Mary becomes disillusioned with

London (Ť) (871) 8.00 Animal Hospital Steve Knight accompanies the RSPCA inspectors as they call for assistance from the fire brigade to rescue a squirrel stranded up

a church spire (T) (2142) 8.30 Dad: Habadadery Vincent makes Alan realise he's not up with the latest fashion trends; can a trip to a gentlemen's outfitter solve the problem? (T) (4177) 9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

9.30 The Locksmith: Words and Deeds Roland captures the young thief he believes is responsible for the horrific attack on Carla. Drama, starring Warren Clarke, John Simm and Sarah-Jane Potts (T) (745871)

10.20 Clive Anderson Ali Talk The guests are lan Hislop, the Two Fat Ladies and David Seaman (435142)

11.00 Question Time George Robertson, the Secretary of State for Defence, and Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Environment Secretary, Anne Lesley of the Daily Mail, and Bridget Roswell, an economics and business consultant (T) 12.00 Tunnel Vision (1994) Tholier, with Patsy

Kensit, Robert Reynolds and Gary Day. A female cop's investigation into a series of grisly killings is made doubly difficult by her newlywed partner's personal little too close to home. Directed by Clive Fleury (83017)

1.30am Weather (1740920)

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6.00am Science: The Chemistry of the Invisible (98806) 6.30 Healing the Whole 7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

signing) (9525448) 7.15 **Teletubbles** (r) (6765968) **7.40** Smurls' Adventures (r) (4205535) **8.05** Blue Peter (r) (T) (7967535) 8.30 Mouse and Mole (r) (2505887) 8.35 Johnson and Friends (r) (7267055) **8.45** Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (9454055)

9.10 Numberlime (3431790) 9.25 Megamaths (1) (7903239) 9.45 Come Outside (8534516) 10.00 Teletubbles (29429) 10.30 Storytme (6687429) 10.45 Experimenter (7454351) 11.05 Space Ark (7693429) 11.15 Zlg Zag (5215535) 11.35 English File: Twelfth Night (3653351) 11.55 Lifeschool (3568239) 12.20pm Showcase (T) (8917871) 12.30 Working Lunch (37581) 1.00 Barney (r) (55853326) 1.05 Monty (r) (55852697) 1.10 The Countryside Hour: Northern reland (7481239)

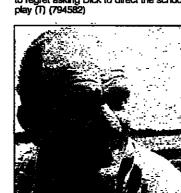
2.10 Indoor Bowls: Bupa Open Last of the 6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (1) (704516)

6.45 Hit, Miss or Maybe (r) (383061) 7.00 The Whitbread: the World's Greates Ocean Race The first leg (7264) 7.30 First Sight New senes. The dangers of testifying against violent abusers (413) WALES: Ray Means's World of Survival

8.00 Ray Mears's World of Survival Ray meets the rainforest-dwelling Nuautu people on the island of Seram in Indonesia (r) (T) (9564) WALES: Franco and Friends

8.30 Top Gear The 1997 London Motor Show 9.00 Third Rock from the Sun Tommy lives

to regret asking Dick to direct the school play (1) (794582)



Virus victim Ian Waterman (9.25pm)

9.25 Hortzon: The Man Who Lost His Body Ian Waterman, whose nervous system was virtually destroyed by a virus (T) (589087)

10.15 June 10x10 Diary of a Madman John Humphreys's updated version of Gogol's comic story (T) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (214351)

11.15 Late Review (443581)

11.55 Weather (885806)

12.05am Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (4295494) 12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Kate Adle (5391630) 12.35 Environment (T (6163384) 1.00 The North Sea (37272 1.30 Noise Annoys (74291) 2.00 Customer Care (90307) 4.00 Teaching Film and Media (59475) 4.30 Moviephile (58765) 5.00 Teacher Training (21007) 5.30 Teaching and Learning with (1

6.00am GMTV (4939790) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3617055) 9.55 Regional News (T) (8638910) 10:00 The Time, the Place (43055) 10,30 This Morning (T) (77499697) 12.20pm Regional News (8911697) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5436448)

12.55 Shortfand Street (5348239) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (76708326) 1.50 Remote Control Cooking (T) (71101784) 2.20 Vanessa: I Keep Failing for Married Meri

2.50 The Natural Health Show Last in senes 3.20 News (T) and weather (4825887)

3.25 Regional News (4824158) 3.30 Potamus Park (8948719) 3.40 Wizadora (9424790) 3.50 Kipper (9420974) 4.00 The Advantures of Dawdle (3250239) 4.15 Jumani (6195516) 4.40 Animal Ari (1) (7543608)

5.10 A Country Practice (3810719) 5.40 News (T) and weather (119887) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (880784) 6.25 Regional Weather (862993) 6.30 Regional News (T) (555)



Steve and Kim celebrate (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdate Pollard gets into a pickle with Longman, Alex displays his wilder side; Kim and Steve's engagement party is a great success but last cars and dangerous living spell tragedy for Linda

8.00 The Bill: A Bad Lot The police are helpless when a 12-year-old boy runs amok on a local estate (T) (7210) 8.30 Citye James on TV The inimitable Antipodean takes a wry look at television presenters (9245)

9.00 The Uninvited Gates denounces Blake as a terrorist on live television, forcing him to run. Last in series (T) (2239) 10.00 News at Ten (1) and weather (37662) 10.30 Regional News and weather (474429) 10.40 WALES: The Ferret (495784) 10.40 Western Lights (3/3) (T) (495784) 11.15 WALES: Cettic Fists (1) (543784) 11.15 Limited Edition: The History of Plasticine (r) (543784)

11.45 Swift Justice: Out on a Limb (609500) 11.50 WALES Swift Justice: Stones (438264) 12.35am The LADS (T) (3205901) 1.10 Funny Business (5303475) 1.40 Ed's Night Party (8075663) 2.05 Planet Rock Proffles: REM (1367104) 2.35 Late and Loud (r) (6678562) 3.30 The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (6985123) 4.25 Sound Bites (97171765) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (56070659) 5.00 Garden Calendar (T) (90253) 5.30 News (28369)

As HTV West except:

12,55-1,25 A Country Practice (5348239) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3810719) 6.25 Central News (961603) 10.40 Lords of the Ring (683852) 11.40 Hunter (142158) 12.45am Funny Business (23456)

1.15 Planet Mirth (20369) 1.45 Rockmania (2042746) 2.40 God's Gift (5447272) 3.35 Late and Loud (6984494) 4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (5926746) 5.20 Asian Eye (7951814)

WEST COUNTRY.

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (3818697) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (46497852) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3810719) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (49326) 10.45 On the Edge (546871) 11.15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (543784) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (609500)

THE REPORT As HTV West except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3810719) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (603)

6.30-7.00 Big Day Out (555) 10.45 Unsolved (546871) 11.15 A406 (543784) 11.45 Highlander (609500) 5.00am Freescreen (90253)

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10.00 A Dance to the Music of Time 12.05am Bombay Blue (2275123) 1.05 Post Mortem (5302745) SATELLITE AND CABLE

CHANNEL 4 5.55am Sesame Street (60535)

7.00 The Big Breaklast (58429) 9.00 Schools: History in Action (7902500) 9.20 Geographical Eye (7095264) 9.40 The Maths Programme (6004535) 10.00 Middle English (2274697) 10:15 Le Petti. Monde de Pierre (2300448) 10:39 Scientific Eye (7360968) 10:50 Film and Video Showcase (7446332): 11.10 The Spanish Programme (55642177)

11.30 Scrimpers People who are champions at saving money (1/6) (1) (8072) 12.00 Sesame Street (87185)

12.30pm Light Lunch (8008887) 1.25 The Living See: Children of the Arctic (r) (T) (3264061)

2.00 Racing from Newmarket The 2.05, 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races (2852) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (968) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8860581)

4.55 Ricki Lake: How Dare You Graffiti My Phone Number in Public Places (1) (8589210) 5.30 Pet Rescue A turtle (1) (332) 6.00 Boy Meets World (I) (888326)

6.25 Fresh Pop (860535) 6.30 Hollycaks (T) (697) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (642142) 7.50 Beyond the Booker lain Sinclair argues

hat the Booker Prize is awarded to middlebrow authors (677852) 8.00 Feast (8/8) Amsterdam; English wine



Nell Gibson in Peru (8.30pm) Neil Gibson visits Peru for piranhas and inca ruins (3/6) (7887) ... A Dance to the Music of Time Hugh Whitemore's adaptation of Anthony Powell's acclaimed novels. The optimism of Nicholas and his generation is fading fast, With James Puretoy and Claire: Skinner (2/4) (T) (20055852)

11.05 The Ba Ba Zee Channel 4's first black season (337626) : 11.06 The Farm, Angola, USA Competing film about America's most infernous

maximum security prison (740351)

12.05am Wake Up America! The Bushwick neighbourhood of Brooklyn (5218017) 12.40 Jesse's Gone Rap artist Jesse Rahim Hall, killed by an assassin in 1992 (9876369)

1.40 Shopping for Mr Right A woman from Manchester seeks a black husband in America (3432185) 2:08 Different Voices (8687814) 2.10 Bongo Best (2755456)

3.10 Magic or Medicine (1) (7073382) 4.15 The Vision Thing (r) (1) (93401814) 4.40 The American Football Big Match (r) (7730494)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. transponder No 83 on the Astra Salellite.
Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the chennel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 83 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2781055)

7.30 Milkeheke (7704852) 7.39 USA High (r) (1265054) 8.00 Hevzkazoo (r) (8258351) 8.30 WideWorld The last in the series tracing the development of cities (8257622) 9.00 Espresso (5420803) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6003326) 10.30 Instant Gardens (r) (8244158)

11.00 Leeza (8860041) 11.50 Double Espres (44152974) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (8155210) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (8665451)

1.00 5 News Update (99028535) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (1285887) 2.00 5's Company

3.30 Major Barbara (1941, b/w) Wendy Hiller, Rex Harrison and Robeit Morfey star in this screen version of George Bernard Shaw's play directed by Gabriel Pascal 5.30 Whittie Quiz presented by Tim Vine

(8231974) 6.00 100 Per Cent Game show (8238887) 6.30 Family Affairs Jack finds himself permises and without a bed for the night (T) (8156239)

7.00 Exclusive Celebrities reveal their most embarrassing moments (6086429) 7.30 Beastly Britain The wildlife of the Stanford military range in Norfolk (1)

(8241351) 8,00 The Car Show Manella Frostrup and Tristram Payne report from the London Motor Show at Earls Court (6095177)



Sean Connerv as Dr Camobell (9.00)

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9.00 Medicine Man (1992) An ecological drama set in the Amazon rainforest starring Sean Conney as an unorthodox starring Seen Connery as an unorthodox blochemist searching for a medical miracle. Also with Lonaine Bracoo. Directed by John McTiernan (69006784) 10.55 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and cornedy (8262264)

11.40 Metrose Place Glossy drama series (r) (1) (7462852) 12.35em Live and Dangerous Includes at 1.45. football action from the Brazilian

Neffonal league: São Paulo v Flemengo and at 3.45, highlights from the US Major League: Dallas Burn v Colorado Rapids (94469253) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco starring

Karl Malden (T) (8600920) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5305340)

listings of satellite and cable channels, see Vision. published on Saturday SKY 1

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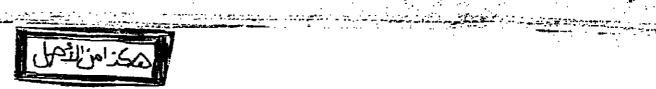
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Villa launch surprise bid for Gascoigne

BY MATT DICKINSON

PAUL GASCOIGNE'S rehabilitation as a leading light of the English game appears to be gathering pace after an audacious move by Aston Villa to sign the controversial midfield player. The FA Car-ling Premiership club is believed to have made initial contact at chairman level with Rangers and, after receiving no rebuttal, are understood to have followed up that approach with a bid of £4

While both clubs appear willing and able to agree a deal, the chances of it being finalised will be heavily dependent on the whims of a player who has never been accused of being predictable. 0-0 draw against Italy in Rome that clinched England's place in the World Cup finals next summer, Gascoigne talked earnestly about his contentment at Rangers and his close relationship with

Walter Smith, the manager. Gascoigne's impressive perLittle, the Villa manager, to make his move for the 30-yearold. Villa's stuttering start to the season has left them far short of being credible title

Signing Gascoigne would be a considerable gamble, but Little has never been afraid of taking risks. He bought Stan Collymore from Liverpool for £7 million last summer, despite the striker's notoriously fragile temperament, and rides himself on his ability to

handle difficult characters. In Gascoigne's defence, his previous two displays at inter-national level have gone some way to confirming the claims of Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, that he has abandoned the recklessness that seemed be driving him to selfdestruction. Hoddle talked of a quieter, more composed character around the England camp, and Gascoigne's performances on the field have certainly reflected a newfound maturity. His injury record is also much improved and Hoddle has no doubt that

Robson chases striker

ieve they have found a replacement for Fabrizio Ravanelli (David Maddock writes). The Teesside club has made a firm inquiry for Viorel Moldovan, the Romania international. Viv Anderson, the assistant manager, and Gordon McQueen, the coach. watched the centre forward give an impressive display in the World Cup match against Ireland in Dublin last Saturday.

Grasshopper Zurich, the forward's club, confirmed the approach yesterday and suggested that Middlesbrough were willing to pay £1.5 mil-

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prepared to open negotiations," a club spokesman said. Moldovan has scored nine goals in 15 intermediates country and led the scoroals in 15 internationals for ing in group eight with seven goals as Romania dropped just two points to qualify comfortably for the World

the former Tottenham

Cup finals. The 25-year old striker has מסמ מסטו Everton. but Middlesbrough, who sold Ravanelli to Marseilles for £5.3 million earlier this season, are favourites. Bryan Robson, the manager, has confirmed that he is searching for a striker.

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Hotspur player will be instrumental in his campaign in France next summer. Gascoigne signed a three-year contract with Rangers in the summer and has not expressed any desire to leave. On Monday, all my thoughts will be with Rangers again," he said in the aftermath of England's World Cup qualifi-cation. "I have had good times and bad times, but the good

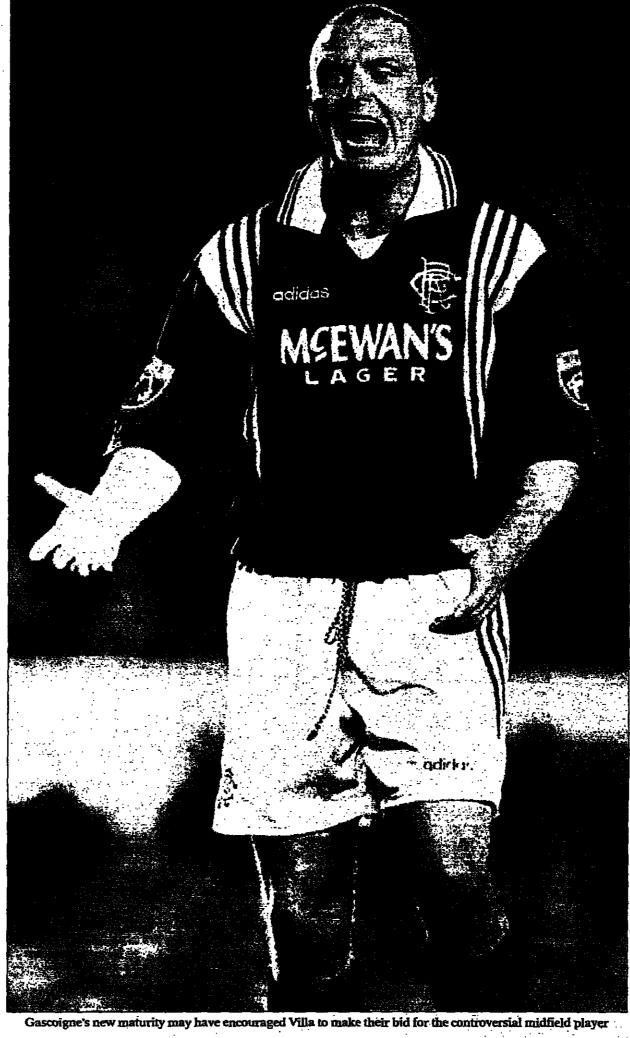
He has also forged a close bond with Smith, who has helped him through domestic traumas, including allega-tions of wife-beating and drinking binges. Gascoigne said: "Walter Smith asked me if I liked appearing in the papers all the time. When I said no, he asked me why I did it then. That made me stop

and look at myself."
Rangers, however, appear
willing to consider cashing in on him now. Despite winning nine league titles in succession, Smith has been under pressure after another early exit from European competition and he needs to bring in money if he is to fund the changes that are needed to mount a genuine challenge on the continent

Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, is believed to have made contact with his Ibrox counterpart, David Murray, concerning the move for Gascoigne. It is not the first time that he has tried to lure the player to Villa Park - Villa were among a number of English clubs who tried to sign Gascoigne when

he moved from Lazio. There were suggestions that record fee of £2 million to Newcastle United for him in 1988, were about to make a move for him earlier this week. A move to Villa would be the latest in a series of expensive transfers. After a protracted deal in 1992, Gascolone moved to Lazio for £5.5 million and returned to Britain with Rangers for E4.3 million in July 1995.

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Scotland accept French test

By KEVIN McCarra

BY SECURING a place at the 1998 World Cup finals. Scotland seem to have acquired a seat at the top table. They have agreed to play a match on November 12 and the invitation ought to have been edged in silver and written in aristocratics. ic script, since it came from the hosts of the tournament next year. Scotland are to meet France in St Etienne.

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Craig Brown's side may be basking in their status, for they have also risen in the rankings of Fifa, the world governing body. An ascent from No 29, at the end of 1996, to No 25 may not be deemed meteoric, but the direction is enough to please Scots. In any case, the arid calculations of the statisticians do not determine value in sport

France may have been more impressed by Scotland's achievement in qualifying for the World Cup finals at the finished third in the tournament in 1994. Aimé Jacquet, the coach of France, had provisionally arranged a friendly game on November 12 with Croatia, but their attention is now absorbed by a World Cup play-off, over two

legs, against Ukraine. Numerous nations, including Poland, were considered as replacements, but Jacquet favoured Scotland. Nonetheless, some critics will accuse Brown of a piece of social climbing that has seen him leave a few principles behind. At the weekend, Brown claimed that there would be no more internationals for his team until a meeting with Denmark at Ibrox in March.

He argued that clubs, with their heavy schedules, should not have further demands placed on their players. Brown, who has been vetting possible accommodation in France for the finals, will be reminded of those remarks when he returns home today and, in Glasgow in paricular, grieved figures.

Celtic and Rangers were already scheduled to face one another on November 8 and 19 in the Bell's Scottish League premier division. Now, half a dozen of their players could be embroiled in the fixture with France that has been interposed between those two games. Brown will be tactful in his use of Old Firm players, but there is still bound to be

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Mosley courts grand prix controversy

By MICHAEL CALVIN

THE SAGA of Jacques Villeneuve's challenge for the Formula One world championship took a further twist last night when Max Mosley, the most powerful man in motor sport, apologised to Frank Williams for appearing to threaten Villeneuve's presence in the decisive final race

Mosley, the president of the FIA, motor sport's governing body, was alarmed to discover that some unguarded remarks seemed to compromise the committee that is scheduled to hear Villeneuve's appeal against disqualification from the Javanese Grand Prix in Paris next Tuesday.

His suggestion that an appeal would be unwise, because it carried the inherent risk of the Canadian driver being banned from the European Grand Prix in Jerez on October 26, was, he insisted, taken out of context. He telephoned Williams yesterday afternoon

to counter the impression that he was interfering in the disciplinary process. "I was merely explaining

that the FIA court of appeal is completely independent and it could institute any punishment it sees fit." he said. Williams made no immedi-

ate comment, but the likely outcome remains the confiscation of the two points Villeneuve won at Suzuka. He will enter the Jerez race one point behind Michael Schumacher.



Villeneuve: challenge

Code of conduct for youth cricket

ll the leading indepen-dent schools in Britain are to receive recom mendations for a code of conduct on and off the cricket field. The intention is to suppress sledging and to prevent dissent over umpiring decisions and intrusive noise among fielders, after the row during the summer between Marlborough and Radley that led to a ressation of

fixtures between them. This coincides with wider moves emanating from the meeting of the sports subcommittee of Headmasters and Headmistresses Conference Schools (HMC) at Brighton earlier this month. The paper containing the proposals has been drawn up by David Walsh, its cricket representative and a housemaster at Tonbridge, who is particularly concerned about the increasingly intrusive and intimidatory levels of noise in schoolboy cricket.

Walsh has been chairman of HMC Schools Cricket committee since 1982. After playing for Oxford University from 1966 to 1969, he ran the

Public schools have moved to stamp out

unseemly behaviour, Ivo Tennant says

ers. Christopher Cowdrey and Richard Ellison, and he helped draft a code of conduct for all sports at Brighton. His recommendations will go to 230 headmasters and thence to their cricket masters. They stem only in part from the well publicised row

in the summer," he said. There is a fine line, especially for schoolboys, between encouraging your own side and allowing those comments to become offensive to others. I believe cricket masters should act to restrain noise, stamping firmly on anything intimidatory or unacceptably loud.

"I have included three par-

ticularly important points. Foul or abusive language on or off the field is unacceptable. So is intimidation, aggressive behaviour and deliberate distraction of opponents by words or actions, and dissent at umpiring decisions.

"Any instances of these

should be very firmly dealt

cern to us is slow over rates, which can be a source of real "Perhaps we all need to

remember that we should be instilling in the young the highest standards of sportsmanship. Winning is not everything in school sport and it is a good thing for boys and coaches and parents sometimes - to learn how to lose graciously. Above all, school sports should be fun so that boys want to continue playing afterwards," Walsh

ames Wesson, master in charge of cricket at Radjey, said he welcomed the code. "I am completely behind it ... The one good thing to come out of our infamous match with Mariborough is that it has highlighted that standards are still important." he said

Walsh is also the HMC representative on the England

(ECB) schools junior and youth sub-group, and has emphasised that there should be a fitting climax to the season for the best schoolboy cricketers in the country.

The upshot is that there will be a two-day match at Lord's between ECB schools, split north and south, next July as a part of the development of excellence programme.
The MCC schools festival at

Oxford will be discontinued and HMC will no longer select its own represe

For some time there has been concern at the amount of representative cricket, especially in July, for different youth organisations." Walsh

"Many boys were piaying too much and both the Eng lish Schools Cricket Association and HMC under-19 teams have been undermined by the withdrawal or non-availability of some of the best players. It is obviously sad that we will not have our own distinctive representative structure at senior level, but wider imper-

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